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PEOPLE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO AREAS NEAR FUKUSHIMA N-PLANT

Evacuation order lifted in two sections of Tomioka, a town near Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, on Saturday

DECONTAMINATED AND DECLARED SAFE

The reopening comes 12 years after an earthquake and tsunami triggered triple meltdowns at the nuclear plant, leading to a massive radiation leak that forced evacuation of 1,60,000 people. Tomioka is one of 12 towns that were designated as no-go zones. The two sections of the town that reopened were declared safe after extensive decontamination

FEW FORMER RESIDENTS WANT TO RETURN

- As per surveys of former residents, most don't want to return as they have found jobs and settled elsewhere. Several areas of Tomioka reopened in 2017, but very few residents have returned
- The evacuation order was also lifted in several sections of Namie, another hard-hit town northwest of the plant, on Friday | **P11**

4 sq km

THE COMBINED SIZE OF TWO SECTIONS WHERE RESTRICTIONS WERE LIFTED

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

March of GST mop-up to 2nd highest peak

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE monthly Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in March crossed ₹1.6 lakh crore, only for the second time since the implementation of the GST regime in July 2017. The government collected ₹160,122 crore in March 2023, which is 13% higher than that of in the same month last year. The peak GST collection was in April 2022, when the figure stood at ₹167,540 crore.

In 2022-23, the total GST collection was at a record high of ₹18.1 lakh crore, 22% more than the mop up the previous year. The average monthly collection in FY23, thus, crossed ₹1.5 lakh crore, which is significantly higher than the average monthly pool of ₹1.23 lakh crore in the previous year.

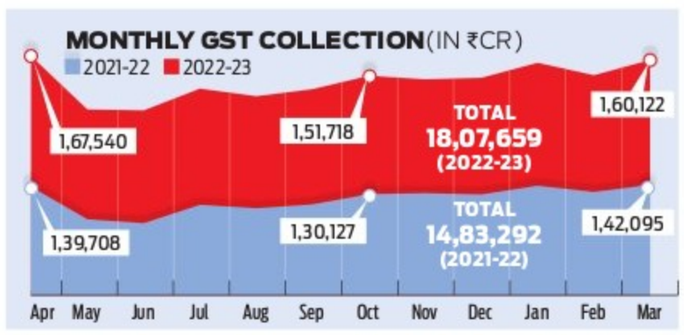
The surge in GST collection has been attributed to the overall jump in economic activity as well as better compliances, thanks to crackdown on tax evasion and illegal availing of input tax credit.

According to a finance ministry statement, the filing of returns during March 2023 was the highest-ever with 93.2% of the statement of invoices (in GSTR-1) and 91.4% of returns (in GSTR-3B) of February filed till March 2023 as compared to 83.1% and 84.7% respectively same month last year.

Vivek Jalan, partner in Tax Connect Advisory, said businesses have also realised that robust compliance is the only way forward under GST. "A significant boost in GST return filing taking the compliance ratio to more than 90% from early 80% shows that Indian businesses are fast moving into the mainstream," he said.

Of late, the government has increased its crackdown on GST evasion.

Recently, junior finance minister Pankaj Chaudhary informed Parliament that 13,500 cases of GST offences have been registered during April-February of the current financial year. In FY22, the corresponding number was 12,600.



'Fist of fury' in Cong office over ticket

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@ Chikkamagaluru

CONGRESS workers reportedly exchanged blows at the District Congress Committee (DCC) office in Chikkamagaluru on Saturday over the issue of giving ticket to HD Thammaiah, who recently quit BJP and joined the Grand Old Party. District Congress Graduates and Teachers' unit president GB Pavan was reportedly manhandled at a meeting convened by Block Congress president HP Manje Gowda to resolve the issue related to allocation of party ticket for Chikkamagaluru Assembly constituency.

Ticket aspirants DL Vijayakumar, AN Mahesh, Mahadimane Sathish, Harish and CN Akmal were on the dais. Initiating the debate, Manje Gowda said party workers should work unitedly for the success of the candidate selected by the high command.Intervening at this juncture, supporters of Pavan demanded that the ticket for Chikkamagaluru seat be given to a loyal Congress leader and not to an "outsider".This led to a heated argument between supporters of Pavan and Manje Gowda. Tension prevailed when Pavan was allegedly manhandled by the supporters of Manje Gowda. The "move" to give ticket to Thammaiah led to dissatisfaction among many workers and the meeting was convened to resolve this issue. Without naming Thammaiah, party workers said only a loyal Congress candidate could take on BJP's CT Ravi and not an "outsider" who joined the party recently.

Moreover, voters desired for a change this time and hence, the party should field a loyal and formidable candidate. "We will remain neutral during campaigning if our appeal is ignored," they added.The meeting witnessed noisy scenes for some time and the enraged party workers walked out. **P4**

Pandemonium at a Congress meeting in Chikkamagaluru

> **We leave the issue of ticket allocation to the high command. We will work unitedly for the success of the candidate**
> KP Anshumanth, DCC president

EXPRESS READ

India's defence exports hit record ₹15,920 crore

New Delhi: India's export of military hardware reached an all-time high of Rs 15,920 crore in the financial year 2022-2023. That is a 10-fold increase over the Rs1,521 crore recorded in 2016-17. The key platforms India exported in 2022-23 include Dornier-228 aircraft, Brahmos missiles, and Akash missile system. "It's a remarkable achievement," Defence Minister Rajnath Singh tweeted. | **P9**

Gowda says Hassan ticket not for Bhavani

Hassan: JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda has delivered a blow to his elder son HD Revanna by backing his other son HD Kumaraswamy on giving the Hassan Assembly ticket to a common party worker and not to Revanna's wife Bhavani. Party sources said that Gowda strongly opposed Bhavani's candidature. Though HP Swaroop's name is doing the rounds, Revanna is opposed to it | **P4**

NHAI does U-turn, rolls back e-way toll hike order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

OFFICIALS of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on Saturday withdrew the hike in Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway toll fee in view of widespread criticism.

This means motorists will continue to pay Rs 135 for a single journey on the Bengaluru-Nidaghatta section. The officials said, "The toll revision for this stretch will be done at a later stage. The proposal will be sent to the authorities concerned and a committee of experts to study it before taking a final decision. We will review the situation after some time."

Earlier, NHAI said the revision was part of the annual exercise done across the country.

However, motorists and social activists opposed the hike stating that toll started only from March 14. On March 27, the NHAI issued a notification announcing the revision of expressway toll. It had announced that the toll would go up to Rs 165, a hike of Rs 30.

Some officials and experts said that the decision has been withdrawn in view of the Assembly elections in the state.

Reacting to the NHAI's move to withdraw its decision on toll revision, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha took to social media and said that the toll hike has been put on hold and it will be revised after work on service roads is completed.

The expressway has been in the news since its inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 12.

Georgia first US state to pass Hinduphobia resolution

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

GEORGIA'S Assembly has passed a resolution condemning Hinduphobia and anti-Hindu bigotry, making it the first US state to take such a legislative measure.

Condemning anti-Hindu bigotry, the resolution stated that Hinduism is one of the world's largest and oldest religions with over 1.2 billion adherents in over 100 countries and encompasses an array of diverse traditions and belief systems with values of acceptance, mutual respect, and peace.

It was introduced by Lauren McDonald and Todd Jones from Forsyth County in the suburbs of Atlanta.

Claiming that there were instances of hate crimes against Hindu-Americans over the last few decades across the country, the resolution said Hinduphobia is exacerbated and institutionalised by some in academia who support the dismantling of Hinduism and accuse its sacred texts and cultural practices of violence and oppression.

On March 22, the Atlanta chapter of the Coalition of Hindus of North America, had organised the first-ever Hindu Advocacy Day, which was attended by around 25 lawmakers. Both Republicans and Democrats were present at the event that helped understand the community's concerns.

India, Malaysia trade can now be done in INR

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

TRADE between India and Malaysia can now be settled in Indian Rupee in addition to the current modes of settlement, the foreign office announced on Saturday. This follows a decision by the Reserve Bank of India in July last year to allow settlement of international trade in Indian currency.

The initiative is aimed at stimulating the interest of the global trading community in the Indian Rupee by weaning them off the US dollar. India International Bank of Malaysia, based in Kuala Lumpur, has operationalised it by opening a Special Rupee Vostro Account through its corresponding bank in India, which is the Union Bank of India. Malaysia is the 27th largest investor in India with foreign direct investment of $1,161 million from April 2000 to September 2022. Bilateral trade touched $13.86 billion in April-November 2022. This includes exports worth $4.9 billion.

"This new mechanism is also aligned with Malaysia's foreign exchange policies as part of which Malaysian banks are allowed to undertake settlement of international trade in goods or services in any foreign currency, subject to the rules and regulations of Bank Negara Malaysia," the Indian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur said. The mechanism will allow Indian and Malaysian traders to invoice their trade in rupees.

Sidhuisms walk out of jail with Centre & Mann in line of fire

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

WITH cricketer-turned-Congress neta Navjot Singh Sidhu walking out of the Patiala Central Jail on Saturday evening, it was time for his usual dose of Sidhuisms.

Sentenced to a year in prison over the death of Gurnam Singh in a 1988 road-rage case, he was granted remission after 10 months in prison due to his good behaviour.

Alliterations and punch-lines flowed freely as the former Punjab Congress president trained his guns at the BJP-led Central government, saying democracy is now in chains and institutions have turned slaves. "Whenever dictatorship came in the country, a revolution came, and today, I say the revolution's name is Rahul Gandhi. The workers of the Congress party are not ice blocks that will melt away. Today, the democracy is trapped badly in tentacles," he said. Sidhu also alleged that the Centre is engaged in a conspiracy to impose President's rule in Punjab.

"Wherever the idea of Hindutva doesn't work or where the power is held by a minority community, the Centre indulges in conspiracy," he said.

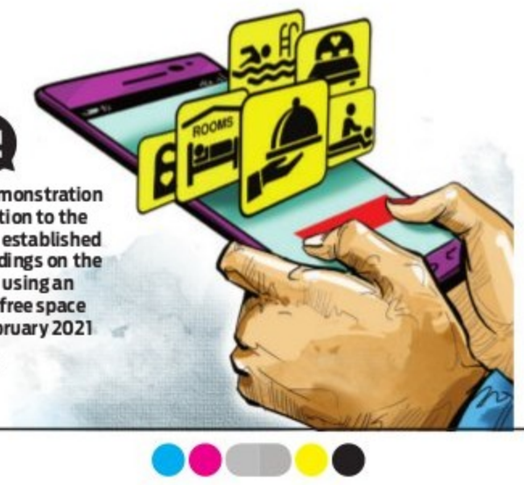
Referring to the Sikh community, he said, "In Punjab, where there is rule by a minority community, the Centre has hatched a conspiracy. First, a law and order problem is created. Then there is an attempt to control it and claim they have brought peace."

He also lashed out CM Bhagwant Mann. "I want to remind Mann that you said so much before forming the government. You sold false dreams. One lakh jobs promised are yet to be delivered. What about regularising 36,000 professors? You're just a newspaper CM," he quipped.

Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu emerges from the Patiala jail | PTI

HARD FOR HACKERS

RRI BREAKTHROUGH TO MAKE ONLINE TRANSACTIONS SAFE



> **The present demonstration is in continuation to the QuIC lab's QKD established between 2 buildings on the RRI campus using an atmospheric free space channel in February 2021**
> RRI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A TEAM of researchers from Bengaluru-based Raman Research Institute (RRI) has discovered a secure quantum communication link that is set to help India design and develop secure communication channels, especially for defence and strategic purposes, enhance cyber security and even make online transactions and remote electronic voting much safer. It has become the first Indian team to achieve this breakthrough.

According to experts, quantum communication protects data by using the laws of quantum physics, which allow quantum particles like photons to transmit data. The particles, called quantum bits, or 'qubits', are extremely fragile in the quantum state. If a hacker interferes when these particles are in transit, the latter's fragility prevents a successful hacking as their attempt to persist, exposes them through signatures of their activity, helping identify the hacking process and alerting the cybersecurity mechanism to pull the plug on the data transmission.

The Indian breakthrough has come as part of the Quantum Experiments using Satellite Technology (QuEST) project for which RRI has been collaborating with the UR Rao Satellite Centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) since 2017.

The RRI researchers successfully achieved a secure quantum communication established between a stationary source and a moving receiver using Quantum Key Distribution, demonstrating that it can now pave the way for ground-to-satellite-based secure quantum communication in the future. This was done to simulate an earth-orbiting communication satellite and a stationary ground station with which it maintains communication links. **P5**

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ALMANAC TODAY
• Sunday: 02/04/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Uttharayana
• Ritu: Vasantha • Masa: Chaitra • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Dwadasi 5.43 am
• Nakshatra: Makha (Whole Day) • Moon in Simha Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30am
• Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER
MIN 22°C | MAX 33°C
FORECAST
Partly cloudy

Sunrise 6.15 am
Sunset 6.31 pm
Moonrise 3.36 pm
Moonset 3.47 am

PICS| NAGARAJA GADEKAL

ART HEART

Art Bengaluru Collective organises three-day art exhibition at Rangoli Metro Art Centre, featuring 250 works of 25 artists

NAMRATA SINDWANI @Bengaluru

TRANSCENDING the brushes, colours and canvas, there are layers of voices and opinions that are encapsulated to reflect its importance and purpose, for to appreciate an artwork is to face an idea that has transmogrified into strokes of imagination.

It is a visual treat for visitors to not just be awe of the artworks but know the minds and hands behind them. For artists, it is a platform to share and deliberate on their works and their plans.

The exhibition organised by Art Bengaluru Collective (ABC) saw myriad works of artwork at the Rangoli Metro Art Centre. Realistic paintings, sketches, charcoal art, graphic cartoons, wildlife, nature, portraits and even minimalist images in black and white were on display at the gallery. Spread across three galleries, 250 art pieces of 25 artists were showcased.

Speaking about the Dutch post-impressionist painter Vincent Van Gogh who painted "The Starry Night", Sameer Ahmed, an artist, said that Gogh captured the stars in small circular motions in his painting years ago. Till a long time the sun was drawn only as a circle, and stars as tiny dots in all art pieces. Years later physicists explained that stars are nothing but swirling masses of gas. It vindicates the vision of an artist which is extremely powerful.

Every art has a potential to define a direction, the road not taken, and convey the words that cannot be put on paper or voiced, but embedded in an artwork.

> Along with art galleries, social media has also played a big role in providing artists with a platform in recent times. They are seen organising virtual galleries and displaying their artwork on digital platforms which is beneficial, especially for those who are new
>
> R Anandkumar, Lalithakala Academy awardee

Visitors said the art centre was the perfect place for organising the exhibition. Many said they did not even know it existed near the MG Road Metro station.

R Anandkumar, a Lalithakala Academy Award winner, whose art piece was also on display at the gallery, said that visitors can view the gallery as a maidan of knowledge and information. Visitors could see multi-quotient work when they enter the gallery, an experience that Google can never offer to its users. Young people who are engrossed in their phones can understand art as something that goes beyond a hobby.

Some use art to spread social messages, some do it as a hobby, and others as passion, Anand said.

The art exhibition will continue for three days, and will also offer an opportunity to live paint on canvases, and be unfettered in expressing their thoughts. Some were even seen just playing around with colours making abstract patterns.

Another professional artist and organiser of ABC, Ranji David painted almost a thousand paintings during the pandemic. He said staying indoors actually gave him more perspective and creative freedom, especially at a time when everything stood still and the world was battling with death.

He suggested that the government should build more such places for artists as the city lacks exhibition and open spaces, which will also encourage artists to expand their horizon.

Poll awareness drive late, many not in city, say RWAs

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@Bengaluru

MEMBERS of residents' welfare associations (RWAs) of Bengaluru's east said the voting awareness campaigns should have picked up pace months in advance and not just a month ahead of polls.

District election officer and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath, during an interaction organised by the Palike, said that they were alerted only a month or two prior to elections.

Highlighting the election-related issues during the meeting, Chitra Venkatesh, Kumara Park West, RWA, said that the number of voters have reduced as hordes have migrated to other cities. Steps must be taken to enrol them to ensure their participation.

Another RWA member said the issues of deletion of names from voters list and distribution of freebies must be looked into to ensure a free and fair election. Specially-abled and elderly must be provided with facilities and separate queues must be arranged at polling booths so that voting does not become an onerous task for them. Shamianas, chairs and toilet facilities should be provided for them, it was suggested. They also said that BBMP and RWAs should work together in creating awareness, setting up camps for voter ID registration, and even raise relevant citizen-related issues for the government.

During ward meetings, no serious issues are discussed, another RWA member said, adding that even election-related matters are not on agenda. Gearing up when the countdown has started for the elections will not help improve voter participation, they said. Girinath urged all RWA members to create awareness about the importance of voting rights and ensure maximum voters come out. He said that all eligible voters should download the voter helpline and C-Vigil app to access any poll-related information and raise complaints.

Upload pic, vid of MCC flouting on cVIGIL

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@ Bengaluru

DISTRICT election officer and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said that the cVIGIL app has been developed to report violations of the model code of conduct. Citizens can click a photo or record a video of the violation and upload it on the app which will alert the officials who will visit the spot and take action, he said.

During a meeting of RWAs of Yelahanka BBMP zone to improve the voter turnout on Saturday, he suggested the RWAs make voters aware that every vote is significant, and persuade them to exercise their franchise.

All facilities will be available at the polling booths, he assured. Voter Helpline App will give voters details about their polling station, he added.

Face action for sending money on e-wallet to voters

On the sidelines of the meeting, Girinath said, "If money is transferred online using digital wallets like Google Pay and others, we will track the violators and book them for corruption". He said teams have been set up to track such violations.

FILE COMPLAINTS WITH DCMC

A 24x7 operational District Complaint Monitoring Cell (DCMC) has been set up at BBMP head office where citizens can file complaints over corrupt practices, violation of model code of conduct and other offenses. Public can submit complaints on the free helpline number -1950, National Grievances Redressal System and cVIGIL.

India's 'Usain' warms up for international debut

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

MEET India's fastest runner, 19-year-old Nayana Kokare, from a rural village in North Karnataka, who is preparing to run her first-ever international tournament in South Korea.

Kokare was scouted by Bridges of Sports, a not-for-profit organisation, at the age of 16, for her running prowess. A dedicated and fierce athlete, Kokare comes from the Chalagere village in Mundgod, Uttara Kannada, belonging to the Gowli community. While currently Kokare is training in Doha, Qatar her beginnings were not easy.

Bridges of Sports, situated in Mundgod town, helps in scouting and sponsoring athletes coming from rural villages in and around Uttara Kannada. Kokare was selected when she was still in Class 10. "It was initially difficult, as my parents weren't supportive of my career. I come from a village where women and girls don't leave the house, so they were hesitant to let me stay in a hostel and train in another place," she told TNIE.

She said one of her early supporters was her oldest brother. "When we had scouted her, we had tried to get her parents to understand the opportunities she would receive. However, her brother was incredibly supportive. He told us he would take care of everything with regards to her parents, and encouraged her to start training," Josni Jhonson, her psychologist, told TNIE.

After a turnaround from her parents, Kokare said her family, comprising her parents, two brothers and two sisters, have been entirely supportive.

"Athletics makes me very happy. I wasn't aware of the opportunities I would receive, nor did I know anything about running, but the last three years has taught me a lot. In the same way, a lot of people are unaware of the many communities in India. I want to be able to represent not only India, but also my community," she said.

Kokare has competed in several taluk, state and national-level competitions. With the Asian Junior U20 Athletics Championships in South Korea coming up in June, she is hoping to qualify for her international debut.

"She is very dedicated and focused. I have seen her battle many obstacles, but when she's on the field, she never lets that bother her. She has consistently clocked a qualifying time of 11.9s in the 100m dash, and 24.64s in the 200m dash. We are hopeful she will be able to qualify for the international championship," said Josni.

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CLINIC ON WHEELS LAUNCHED TO SCREEN RURAL, TRIBAL MASSES

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AS part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, IMS Foundation in association with Laghu Udyog Bharati Karnataka launched "Clinic on Wheels" on Saturday. Clinic on Wheels is a digitally-enabled moving health clinic that aims to health screen people residing in rural and tribal regions of India and provide them with complete doorstep healthcare facilities.

"Clinic on wheels will be the catalyst for making village dwellers and tribal people healthy. The project will provide complete health screenings at village doorstep, ensure quality healthcare, and address the importance of a healthy lifestyle while implementing a digital intervention in telemedicine and health education," said Dr Swapna Singh, social entrepreneur, Head of the CSR wing of IMS. Apart from their focus on primary health, Clinics on Wheels broadly covers five aspects- health-related awareness, health screening, treatment, skill training & empowerment.

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EXPRESS READ

More buses for IPL from today

Bengaluru: To ensure that people refrain from using personal transport even to come to the stadium for IPL matches, the BMTC on Saturday announced that they will be running additional buses.According to the release, buses will be available from 11 pm onwards on April 2, 10, 17, 26 and May 21. The buses will ply from M Chinnaswamy Stadium to Kadugodi, Sarjapura, Electronics City, Bannerghatta National Park, Kengeri, Janapriya Township, Nelamangala, Yelahanka 5th phase, RK Hegde Nagar- Yelahanka, Bagalur and Hosakote.

BR Ravikanthe Gowda, IGP, Central Range, Bengaluru, on Saturday inaugurated a 15-lane 10-metre air rifle shooting range, "Art of Shooting", at Kempapura near Hebbal. It will offer world class training for professionals as well as aspiring shooters

IN ONE VOICE

Bahujan Samaj Party members protest against the State Government for removing quota for Muslims from OBC category, in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

'No fear of law, find solutions beyond CCTVs'

Gangrape shows need for more police presence, say experts; State women's panel seeks report from DCP

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AFTER a 19-year-old woman was gangraped in a moving car in Bengaluru, women activists said that law has failed to act as a deterrent to such heinous crimes.

The purpose of setting up the 112 emergency response support system for women in distress has been defeated because of a string of questions asked by the control room personnel for just a report.

Activist Tara Krishnaswamy told *The New Sunday Express* that while thinking of solutions, the first thing that comes up is CCTV cameras, which doesn't serve any purpose as the accused are caught on camera post-crime. They don't prevent crime, Krishnaswamy said.

There should be more police presence on the street, every spot should be well lit, and instead of removing street vendors, we should have them because they can give crucial information.

Activists feel that 'Nirbhaya Fund' has been used only for CCTV cameras or set up control rooms, which do not help in preventing crimes.

Pramila Naidu, chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Women, told *The New Sunday Express* that she has asked the South East division DCP to submit a detailed action taken report against the accused, and called the incident an 'inhumane act'.

"The commission has taken up a suo motu case in connection with the Koramangala gangrape case which occurred on March 25," Naidu added.

Women's Rights Activist Brinda Adige said that in many cases, the accused get bail and victims are threatened. "In my own experience, the 112 which was supposed to be a fast response mechanism has failed to help any women in distress to file a report. They ask innumerable questions before enquiring about the matter. This creates a reluctance and fear in the minds of the victims to even file a complaint. Street lights don't work. It is not the time to ask if women are safe, but why rapists are not afraid of law," Adige added.

CK Baba, DCP, South East said that he cannot answer every question, and reminded that speedy action has been taken as the accused were arrested within eight hours of the complaint. "The victim is in hospital. The accused have been remanded in judicial custody," he said.

'Suraksha75' launched to improve pedestrian safety

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TO improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow, the BBMP along with the Bengaluru Traffic Police launched the mission Suraksha75. The state and the BBMP budget announced that 75 junctions will be improved at a cost of Rs 150 crore.

Suraksha75 will be supervised by Bengaluru's Road Safety Cell under the BBMP TEC (Traffic Engineering Cell) with WRI India as its knowledge partner. 75 junctions including Rajbhavan Circle, Minsk Square junction, Nagasandra MS junction, Forum Hall Circle, and Goraguntepalya junction have been chosen in all the eight zones of the BBMP.

MA Saleem, Special Commissioner (Traffic), said that almost 2000 to 2500 new vehicles emerge on city roads each day and Surakhsa75 will, thus, help to smoothen traffic management and safety of pedestrians. In the East Zone, the important junctions are Basaweshwara Circle, SJP Road, Windsor Manor, Trinity, and Hosur Road. Some important South Zone junctions are Silk Board, Banashankari Temple, and Devegowda petrol bunk. In Mahadevapura zone, the important junctions include Beniganhalli-KR Puram.

AMANATH CASE

Bank fraud: ED chargesheets accused

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THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru zonal office has filed a Prosecution Complaint (PC) against Mohd Asadulla, others and his company Al-Ameen Housing Development Company Ltd in the case of bank fraud in Amanath Cooperative Bank Ltd under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) before the Special Court in Bengaluru.

"The Court has taken cognisance of the PC and issued summons to all accused persons," the ED stated in an official release on Saturday.

"The investigation was initiated on the basis of an FIR registered by the Commercial Street police station against the accused under various sections of Indian Penal Code. The said case was transferred to the fraud squad, Criminal Investigation Department (then COD), Bengaluru, which had filed five charge sheets against them in 2006," the agency added.

"The investigation by ED has revealed that between 1985 and 2002, the said accused persons misappropriated the funds of Amanath Cooperative Bank by allegedly sanctioning huge amounts of loans to non-existent and fictitious account holders, passing cheques and overdraft accounts fraudulently. They used the funds for their personal purpose and invested the same in immovable properties in their and their relatives' names. The proceeds of crime in this case is Rs 68.43 crore," the ED stated.

Earlier, the Central agency, on March 30, 2022 had issued a Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) in this case attaching an immovable property held in the names of Asadulla and others. Present market value of attached property is Rs 243.93 crore.

Order to attach ₹1.1cr assets of ex-MD of irrigation corpn

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THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru, has issued a Provisional Attachment Order (PAO) of attaching two immovable properties worth Rs 1.10 crore of TN Chikkarayappa, ex-managing director, Cauvery Irrigation Corporation Ltd, Water Source Information Centre, Bengaluru, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with a corruption case.

The central agency, in a press release, stated that its investigation has revealed that Chikkarayappa, with the help of other accused, illegally amassed disproportionate assets worth Rs 5.33 crore, which is 304.93 % in excess of his legal source of income. He bought immovable properties in the name of known persons and further got them transferred in the name of his family members with this illegal income.

The ED launched an investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Bengaluru City (now Karnataka Lokayukta, Bengaluru), against Chikkarayappa under various sections of Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act. The ACB had also chargesheeted him and other accused before the City Civil and Session Court under Sections of the IPC and PC Act.

38 CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS RELEASE COMMON MANIFESTO; BJP, JDS STAY AWAY

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HISTORIAN Ramachandra Guha on Saturday said that ignoring the voice of civil society is very much against what Dr BR Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi had propagated. He insisted that such dialogues consist of grassroot knowledge and raise real concerns.

He spoke at the release of a common manifesto — 'Civil Society Forums Presentation of Manifesto for Karnataka Assembly Elections to 2023 to Political Parties' -- organised by members of various organisations. Around 38 different civil society groups presented a common manifesto to different political parties to get their demands included in their respective manifestos.

While members of the Congress and AAP were present at the meeting, those from the BJP and JDS stayed away.

"The BJP is more into 'One Nation, One Language, One Culture and Nagpur', so they do not want other civil societies organisations to flourish," Guha claimed, adding that the policy of the BJP government at the Centre and state has been to remain immune to all kinds of criticism. "We don't want to be distracted by trivial issues like communal issues, hate speeches and others, and we want to move away from that. We want to mobilise people to move on from such issues and focus on real ones," said Kathyani Chamraj, executive trustee, Civic. The absence of the JDS and BJP invited sharp criticism from the organisers and chief guest Guha. Guha claimed that JDS may not have come due to indifference towards the Civil Society Forum, but BJP did not come deliberately. Dharmasena from Congress and Ashwin Mahesh from AAP were present.

IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL JUDGE, FAMILY COURT AT BENGALURU

M.C. No. 7347 OF 2022

BETWEEN : Mrs. SEERAM SINDHU MADHURI @ S. SINDHU MADHURI, aged about 36 years, W/o. Mr. S. Pavan Kumar, D/o. Dr. G. Suri Babu, Presently residing at No. 11, Opposite SGT, Shabhari Layout, Sadaramangala, Kadugodi, Bengaluru - 560 067. ...Petitioner

V/s

Mr. SEERAM PAVAN KUMAR @ S. PAVAN KUMAR, aged about 38 years, S/o. Mr. Seeram Satyanarayana, Residing at 422, B-4, Wing Yamuna Block, National Games Village, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560 047. ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

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By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner :
RAJESH PANDIAN, Advocate
Unit No. 707, Barton Centre, M.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Ph: 9060701223

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I,
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O.A.NO.176/2021

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Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary slammed the Congress leaders for claiming that they will revoke the BJP government's reservation policy. The minister said that Congress leaders were talking about scrapping of the 4% 2B quota and they should explain if they will also scrap the increase in the reservation quota for Lingayats and Vokkaligas

'NEED RESERVATION IN PRIVATE SECTOR TOO'

EXPRESS Dialogues

TEAM TNSE

UNION Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment **A Narayanswamy** said there is a need for reservation in the private sector too. "As jobs have been dwindling in the government sector after the computerisation, the reservation should be implemented even in the private sector which is my personal opinion," the minister said during an interaction with *The New Sunday Express* editors and reporters. Excerpts:

Now that the Assembly poll dates are announced, how will the BJP campaign change?
We will continue to tell people what our governments have done. The BJP's speciality is that we have our party president JP Nadda's organisational skills, Home Minister Amit Shah's experience of facing six elections in Gujarat, including fighting elections even when there was anti-incumbency, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's concept of facing polls on a development agenda. We need to keep telling the beneficiaries about what we have done, and that is what our party leaders are doing.

Your views on changes in the reservation policy?
There has been a lot of discussion on reservation, and there was a need for categorisation. The Justice Usha Mehra Commission too opined the same. Despite 75 years of Independence, there is untouchability. Every year, we are increasing the number of untouchables. We are identifying exploited communities even today. This means, the government schemes were not reaching those people. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai formed many boards and corporations and allocated funds. But that should not be just name-sake bodies. Without economic upliftment, no scheme will help these people. The budget has not been allotted for such initiatives for economic upliftment. The budget is more focused on development of infrastructure and creation of employment opportunities, which are also needed.

Why was the Justice AJ Sadashiva commission report not accepted?
The problem has to be solved. The Sadashiva report recommended 6% for SC-Left, 5% for SC- Right, 3% for touchables and 1% for nomads. In Karnataka, there are 26 lakh people in the touchables category and that was why it could not be implemented. The Sadashiva commission's recommendation for reservation is less compared to the population of respective communities. That is why we cannot take the report as it is. We had to bypass it to rectify reservations recommended for the touchables. Also, the Sadashiva report was for 15 per cent reservation for SCs. But now, it has increased to 17 per cent. If we say we have rejected it completely, it will send out a wrong message. Studying all these reports, a cabinet sub-committee headed by Law Minister JC Madhu Swamy gave its report.

About 240 subjects are waiting to be included in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution. What is the probability of the quota hike for SC/STs getting in?
The 9th Schedule was brought in for land reforms to curtail the 'zamindari' system to distribute lands among the poor and to redistribute land among tillers. There was also a guideline that once the subject was included in the 9th Schedule, it should be out of the judicial purview and could not be questioned in the Supreme Court. But now, the Supreme Court has clarified in a judgment that a government order to include a subject in the 9th Schedule can also be questioned. For example, in Tamil Nadu's case, the government order has been questioned. But the state has been implementing the quota categorisation as the Supreme Court neither admitted the case nor gave any judgment. Based on the population, there are some states that have reservations up to 80 per cent, and even in Gujarat, the quota has been hiked. The proposal to increase the SC/ST quota by the state government has reached the Centre.

As a minister of state for social justice you ought to deliver justice to all, including Muslims. What is your take on scrapping of the 4 per cent OBC quota for Muslims?
Since they were already in the backward classes reservation, there was no need for a separate reservation under 2B. I agree their status is more pathetic than ours ('Untouchable Dalits'). But they have the scope of doing business to eke out a living. Congress which is still doing appeasement politics has failed to uplift the community's status educationally and economically in its rule of 65 years in the country.
Now, they are entitled for reservations under both backward classes and economically weaker section categories. In fact, those who come under EWS are not entitled for reservations under any other category.

After the census can the quota figures be revised?
The process has to be done gradually. But no government has come forward to do it.

What is your take on the demand for reservation in jobs in the private sector?
Unless labour policies are changed, there will be no industrialisation. We changed the policies and boosted industrialisation. The reservation in the private sector should be implemented not just based on castes, but on the domicile to give jobs to local residents. Outsiders come and set up their industries here with all our help. As jobs have been dwindling in the government sector after computerisation, reservation should be implemented even in the private sector, which is my personal opinion.

After all the chaos over reservation, has the quota system become irrelevant as you remarked about it recently?
I am telling you honestly that when those communities that were considered upper castes and 'zamindars' and who ran this country for 75 years being in the mainstream also seek reservation, then the concept of reservation will become irrelevant.

The state government has made new categories of 2C and 2D to give quotas for Vokkaligas and Lingayats...
Now, states have the powers following the Supreme Court order. Parliament has amended the Constitution to allow states to take decisions on including and excluding communities for reservation. There should have been schemes to bring more into the mainstream. If more communities are not in the mainstream and wish to join the backward list, it means the country is going backward.

Why shouldn't the reservation be implemented based on backwardness and not just based on castes?
Lifestyle and dependability of a class keep changing from one region to another. For instance, the Kadugollas., who are Yadavas in north India, are rulers. But in places like Chitradurga in Karnataka, their situation is pathetic compared to the Dalits.

What is the status of the ST tag for Kadugollas?
The anthropological report on the community gave wrong findings. But I am honestly putting all my efforts to overcome the hurdles to get the community the ST tag.

How long should the reservation system continue in the country?
Dr BR Ambedkar said it should be for ten years. But the parties (Congress) felt that if it is removed after ten years, people would not vote for them, and politicians maintained the status quo. In rural India, social stigma still prevails. There is no situation as such to remove the quota.

How initiatives of the state government on quota for several communities will impact the Assembly polls?
It will definitely have an impact. Earlier, around 40 per cent of Madiga community people used to vote for BJP. Now, 80 per cent of them will.

In several polls in the past, BJP could not win a full mandate despite BS Yediyurappa being the chief ministerial candidate. What are the party's chances this time?
After Independence, Congress sought votes as the party that brought freedom to the country. But 40 per cent of the people voted for feudalism instead of development. After 2014, many states have been won by BJP on the development agenda. There is a difference in development done by the governments, including by BS Yediyurappa, and the Modi government since 2014. Yediyurappa is accepted by all communities.

What is the difference between you being a state minister earlier and a Union minister now?
In Karnataka, I had worked like Karna in Mahabharat. Now, I am working like Arjuna as I am finding out lapses by the administration in implementing schemes for the oppressed in some Northern and Northeastern states, and also Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. I have been guiding them to carve out schemes to uplift the downtrodden. In Kerala, the administration has implemented schemes for the empowerment of women in rural areas with sustainable models. It is in this context I have been working as Arjuna to guide the other states.

AICC president Mallikajurn Kharge hails from Karnataka. How will it impact the upcoming Assembly polls?
I personally have respect for him. But till date, I have never seen him as a leader who can influence Karnataka politics.

Cong looks to regain lost ground in Kharge's turf, BJP's hopes up

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
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WHILE the Congress is making all efforts to improve its tally in All-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge's home district Kalaburagi and six other districts in the Kalyan Karnataka region, the BJP seems to be banking on the backing of the dominant Lingayat community and the State Government's decision to increase the reservation for the community.

The Congress recently announced its candidates for 23 of the 41 seats in the first list. While most of the sitting MLAs have been given the tickets, the candidates in the constituencies that are currently represented by the BJP have been selected based on their winnability. The BJP is yet to announce its list.

In 2018, the BJP won 19 of 41 seats in Kalyana Karnataka consisting of Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Vijayanagar, and Ballari districts. The Congress won 18 and followed by Janata Dal (Secular) in 4 seats. While the Congress has won more seats than BJP in Bidar, Raichur and Ballari districts, BJP has won more seats in Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Koppal and Vijayanagar districts. JDS won 2 seats in Raichur district and one each in Bidar and Yadgir districts.

Sources said Kharge personally chose Congress candidates for the constituencies in the region as he has to ensure that the party performs well in the region and the entire state. Kharge represented Gurmitkal constituency in Yadgir district eight times, Chittapur in Kalaburagi district once and was MP from Kalaburagi twice. However, the announcement by Chandra Singh, son-in-law of former chief minister late Dharm Singh from Bidar (South) as a rebel candidate from Congress has shown that all is not well with the Congress in Bidar district.

Launching of mega textile park 'PM MITRA Park' at Kalaburagi might become an advantage for the BJP. But, many also feel that their demand for the establishment of a Railway Division at Kalaburagi, starting a new direct train from Kalaburagi to Bengaluru was not considered. People of Raichur district have been staging a dharna for more than 200 days to get AIIMS at Raichur.

The announcement of former minister Janardhan Reddy of contesting from Gangavati constituency, might pose trouble to BJP candidates in Ballari and Vijayanagar districts in the May 10 elections.

Meanwhile, Congress leaders say that the Lingayat factor was the main reason for their defeat in the 2018 polls and now the issue has been resolved and Veerashiva and Lingayats are united and Lingayats will vote in favour of the Congress. KPCC working president Eshwar Khandre, who represents Bhalki Assembly segment in Bidar district is also the general secretary of Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha.

The BJP, however, is confident that increasing reservation quota from 5% to 7% and taking initiative for the construction of Anubhava Mantapa at Basavakalyan will help.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Yadgir and Kalaburagi districts a month back. In Malakhed of Kalaburagi district, the PM launched the distribution of over 50,000 hakku patras to people from Lambani community living in thandas. Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited Basavakalyan of Bidar district twice in March and unveiled the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in martyr memorial at Gorta village near Basavakalyan.

The recent steps taken by the BJP government have attracted both appreciation and criticism from the people of the the region. The people from the minority community are not happy with the government's decision to scrap the 4% 2B quota and Banjara community are protesting against the internal reservation in the Scheduled Castes.

(With inputs from Kiran Balannavar @Ballari)

DKS calls on Kharge ahead of Cong's 2nd list

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KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar called on All-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge at the latter's residence here on Saturday. The meeting of the top leaders assumes significance as the Congress is likely to release its second list of candidates for the May 10 Assembly elections soon. According to informed sources, the duo discussed the possible rebellion that may arise due to factionalism in the party and the strategy to quell it.

"Met AICC President Manya @Kharge at his residence today. Many issues were discussed in the wake of the Karnataka assembly elections," Shivakumar tweeted after the 25-minute meeting. The duo also discussed whether to release the second list before Rahul Gandhi's visit to Kolar on April 9 to attend the Jai Bharat rally. The Central Election Committee (CEC) of the Congress will sit again under the chairmanship of Kharge on April 5 to finalise the candidates for the remaining 100 seats. Sources said the list is expected to be announced either on April 6 or 7.

The Congress recently released the names of 124 candidates and did not face any backlash. Of the remaining 100 seats, the party has finalised candidates for about 35 seats where there was just one aspirant. "But there is a problem in constituencies where there are multiple candidates," an informed source told TNSE.

For instance, there is a competition between Santhosh Lad and Nagaraj Chebbi belonging to Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar factions, respectively, in Kalghatgi. Similarly, there is opposition from a section of Congress leaders to field Shivakumar's supporter Ashok Rai in Puttur.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar meets AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge at the latter's residence in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

AT Ramaswamy joins BJP

AT Ramaswamy, who resigned from the JDS and the Assembly membership on Friday, joined the BJP in New Delhi on Saturday. BJP Karnataka president Nalin Kumar Kateel said Ramaswamy joining the party will help to further strengthen the party. It is likely to help the BJP, which is making efforts to strengthen the party in the Old Mysuru region. Ramaswamy was elected to the Assembly from Arkalgud constituency in Hassan district four times.

Deve Gowda goes with HDK, tells Revanna Hassan ticket not for Bhavani

BR UDAYA KUMAR @Hassan

JANATA DAL (SECULAR) supremo **HD Deve Gowda** has delivered a blow to his elder son HD Revanna by backing his other son HD Kumaraswamy on giving the Hassan Assembly ticket to a common party worker and not to Revanna's wife Bhavani.

The Hassan ticket is in the middle of an intense tussle between the brothers and has led to cracks within the JDS first family. Party sources said that Gowda strongly opposed Bhavani's candidature and explained to the followers of Bhavani and Revanna, who met him in Bengaluru on Saturday, the pros and cons of fielding her from Hassan, party sources said. Kumaraswamy met Gowda recently and explained to him how the candidature of one more person from their family could impact the party's poll prospects across the state, the sources said. Revanna, Bhavani and their sons Prajwal and Suraj also had a confidential meeting with Gowda and they too discussed the pros and cons of fielding Bhavani from Hassan.

Though the name of HP Swaroop is doing the rounds for the Hassan ticket, Revanna is opposed to it. But Gowda told Revanna and Bhavani supporters that they should campaign for Swaroop, who is from the Dasavokkaliga community -- a subcaste of Vokkaliga.

Kumaraswamy, who has refused to get himself involved in Hassan politics and left it solely to Revanna, has intervened here for the first time and is likely to prevail in picking Swaroop. The second list of JDS candidates could be out on Monday, and it is highly likely that Swaroop's name would figure in it, the sources said. But will the Revanna family campaign for Swaroop is the big question. Though quite improbable, one of Bhavani's followers said she could contest as an independent.

POLITICAL THEATRE

LAMBANIS THREATEN TO BOYCOTT POLLS IN LAW MIN'S CONSTITUENCY

TUMAKURU: Members of the Lambani community in Kilaradahalli tanda in Chikkanayakanahalli Assembly segment represented by Law Minister JC Madhu Swamy have warned that they will boycott the Assembly polls. They are protesting against the State Government's announcement of internal reservation in SC category. They staged a rasta roko on Saturday demanding that the government drop the decision which they called unscientific. They have even erected hoardings banning politicians from entering their hamlet for campaigning. The hamlet has about 630 voters. **ENS**

SAREES WORTH RS 4.5 CR, CASH, RICE SEIZED IN SHIVAMOGGA

SHIVAMOGGA: The police seized sarees worth Rs 4.5 crore, Rs 1.6 crore in cash and rice worth Rs 1.56 lakh at various checkposts set up across Shivamogga district on Friday night as they were being transported without proper documents. Check posts have been set up across the district and routine checks on vehicles are being carried out ahead of the May 10 Assembly polls. Sarees worth Rs 4.5 crore were seized in Doddapete police station limits and Rs 1.40 crore in cash was seized from Tunganagar police station limits. Also, Rs 20 lakh in cash was seized at Sagar rural police station limits. Besides this, 26 quintal of rice worth approximately Rs 1.56 lakh was seized from a lorry in Vinobanagar police station limits. **ENS**

SURJEWALA CALLS RAHUL'S DISQUALIFICATION AS MP A 'MURDER OF DEMOCRATIC VALUES'

KOLAR: AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala on Saturday dubbed senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's disqualification as a Member of Parliament as "murder of democratic values". He was speaking at a preparatory meeting of the Jai Bharat rally to be held in Kolar on April 9. Surjewala said Rahul's disqualification as Wayanad MP is against the basic tenets of the Constitution and alleged it highlighted the curtailment of democratic values and beginning of autocracy in the country. Surjewala called upon voters to join hands with Rahul in the Jai Bharat campaign to protect democracy. Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah said Rahul is raising his voice for the people of the country. The BJP in order to threaten Rahul has disqualified him, Siddaramaiah said. Former Union minister KH Muniyappa said, "Unable to bear the success of Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, the BJP is targeting him." **ENS**

Hundreds of people participated in a 10k marathon, "Miles for Meals", organised on Saturday by IIITB, in collaboration with ELCIA Trust, a non-governmental organisation, working towards improving 25 government schools in Electronics City. The marathon was organised to raise funds to provide midday meals to government schoolchildren

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his Tamil Nadu counterpart MK Stalin in Kottayam on Saturday | EXPRESS

Pinarayi Vijayan and I are one in our thoughts: Stalin

Tamil Nadu CM hints at joint political agenda going into future

ABHILASH CHANDRAN @ Kottayam

DROPPING signs of a joint political move under the aegis of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, chief ministers of both the states, Pinarayi Vijayan and M K Stalin, respectively, jointly inaugurated the centenary celebrations of Vaikom Satyagraha in Vaikom on Saturday.

Stalin, who spoke first, commenced his speech by commenting on his rapport with Vijayan, stating that they share the same thoughts.

"While speaking at the venue of the 200th anniversary of the 'Thol Seelai Porattam' (Channar revolt) in Nagercoil on March 6, I had told Vijayan about the need to convene a joint celebration of the centenary year of Vaikom Satyagraha. He apparently agreed to it and invited me to Vaikom on that stage itself. This showed that "Udal kondu vere vere ennalum, chintha kondu nammal onnanu" (even though we are separate by our bodies, we are one in our thoughts)," Stalin said.

Responding to Stalin's comment, Pinarayi Vijayan said that the spirit of togetherness will be there in the future as well. "The Vaikom Satyagraha set a great example of standing together in a struggle, and Tamil Nadu and Kerala stood unitedly in it. The mindset of joining together will continue in the future, and it will strengthen into a great brotherhood. It will be a model before the rest of India," Vijayan said.

Stalin, who praised the contributions of Periyar E V Ramasamy, said his visions assumed significance in the current political situation prevailing in the country. "Both the states should take initiatives to impart knowledge to the young generation about the many hard struggles we have come through. We have the responsibility to do this at a time when communal and caste forces are running rampant in the country," he said.

Commemorating the Vaikom Satyagraha, Vijayan said it stood different from other renaissance movements by combining the social reform movement and national freedom struggle. The Chief Minister also announced that the state government would construct a monument commensurate with the glory of Vaikom Satyagraha at Vaikom. He added that without the inspiration of the spirited messages of Sree Narayana guru, Chattambi swami and Ayyankali, there would not have been a progressive movement like Vaikom Satyagraha.

"Vaikom Satyagraha was a battle cry against the evil practice of Chathurvarnyam. It was the series of struggles that followed the Vaikom Satyagraha that paved the way for revival movements, including temple entry," he said.

The chief ministers arrived at the venue after offering flowers at the statues of Mahatma Gandhi, Periyar, T K Madhavan and Mannath Padmanabhan at Valiyakavala in Vaikom, and at the specially-prepared Smriti Mandapams of Satyagrahis and reformists like Kunjappi, Bahuleyan, Govinda Panicker, Amachadi Thevan, and Raman Ilayath.

Sexual harassment: Women's panel chief summons Kalakshetra mgmt

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu Women's Commission Chairperson AS Kumari has directed the management of Kalakshetra Foundation and a member of the internal complaints committee (ICC) of the institute to appear before the commission on Monday.

Speaking to *TNSE*, Kumari said that in order to prepare a detailed report on the matter, she needs to speak to the college management and know from them the measures taken to handle the issue. "On Friday, when I visited the campus and interacted with the agitating students, neither the director nor the deputy director was present. I had spoken to the principal but he failed to give any answers," Kumari said.

"I have asked the institute's director, Revathi Ramachandran, and deputy director to meet me personally in my office on Monday. I have also asked the management to send any one member of the ICC, which handled the sexual harassment allegations, to my office," she said.

Kumari further said the commission will submit its report to the state government by Monday evening. "We are examining the written complaints given by the students with the help of a lawyer," she said.

Police personnel remove barricades from outside the Kalakshetra Foundation campus as things return to normal, in Chennai on Saturday | MARTIN LOUIS

Meanwhile, after students called off their agitation on Friday evening, police deployed on the campus have been called back. The students are in their hostels but they are worried about their exams that were supposed to take place on Monday. After the protest, the institute had closed the college till April 6 and had also postponed the exams. The students were directed to vacate the hostel within two days but most of them decided to stay back. The students on Friday had urged her to ask the management to conduct the exams as per schedule on Monday.

DCC chief: Will work unitedly

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DCC president KP Anshumanth told *TNSE* that the meeting witnessed only heated arguments between party workers. But, it has been blown out of proportion in social media. "It is common in all political parties. We leave the issue of ticket allocation to the high command. We will work unitedly for the success of the candidate selected by the high command," he said.

Pavan said, "We are in favour of a sincere, loyal and original Congress candidate. A migrant ticket aspirant has been busy appeasing one section of people without consulting party workers or leaders. The wave is against BJP's Ravi. We, therefore, support a loyal and original Congress candidate."

CASH-FOR-TENDER ROW

Probe agency may make Madal, son sit face-to-face to get info

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

MV Prashanth Kumar, like his father -- Channagiri BJP MLA **Madal Virupakshappa**, is not cooperating with the investigation. The investigating agency is now planning to make Prashanth, who is in judicial custody, sit with his father face-to-face to elicit information.

The corruption case shocked the entire society and the court should send out a strong message by rejecting Prashanth's bail petition, argued the Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) of Karnataka Lokayukta before Special Court Judge B Jayantha Kumar on Saturday.

He said Prashanth tried to swallow a sheet, which purportedly contained the names of people and the money they paid, but it was recovered when he was trapped. Prashanth's conversation with the other accused, recorded in his smartwatch, has been sent to the forensic lab. Since the investigation is it at its initial stages, bail should be denied to Prashanth till the chargesheet is filed in a month, the SPP argued. Prasthanth, who is a BWSSB chief accountant, was arrested on March 2 after he was caught red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 40 lakh for allegedly favouring an agency to get a tender from the Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL), where Virupakshappa was chairman.

Handing over the KSDL managing director's statement to the court, the SPP said there are materials to show that the father and son interfered in awarding KSDL tenders, the SPP argued. Prashanth's counsel argued that no work is pending before KSDL to give the bribe angle to the case and the Lokayukta police have flouted Section 41 of CrPC by not providing the checklist required to arrest the accused and he is entitled to bail. The court said it will pronounce the order on April 10. Meanwhile, the court handed over Madal Virupakshappa to judicial custody till April 11.

'Only Malayala Brahmins can be Melshanthi'

P RAMDAS @ Kochi

JUSTIFYING the norms that only 'Malayala Brahmins' are entitled to apply for the post of chief priest at Sabarimala, the amicus curiae appointed by the Kerala High Court to assist it in the case on Saturday submitted that the selection of priests (Melshanthi) and the system for selection had already been approved by the Supreme Court.

When the petitions filed by priests from non-brahmin communities against the decision came up for hearing on Saturday, Advocate KB Pradeep, the amicus curiae submitted that any tinkering with the selection proceedings can be done only by the Supreme Court. "Who is a Malayala Brahmin is not defined anywhere. There is no authentic document regarding that. This should be decided firstly. But that exercise cannot be done in a proceedings under Article 226 by the High Court in writ jurisdiction and that has to be left to the Civil Court," said the Amicus Curiae. Sabarimala is not a denominational temple and the eligibility criterion that Melshanthis should be Malayala Brahmin is therefore not an 'essential religious practice' protected under Art 25(b) of the Constitution.

Bank officer gets two years in jail for fraud

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

Observing that loans amounting to crores of rupees have not been recovered due to the conspiracy and misconduct on the part of bank officials and borrowers, the Special Court for CBI Cases has sentenced a former assistant general manager of Dena Bank and two partners of a private firm for allegedly causing a loss of Rs 7.21 crore to the bank.

The CBI had filed a chargesheet against the accused based on a complaint by the bank for offences punishable under provisions of the IPC and Prevention of Corruption Act.

Special Court Judge HA Mohan passed the order sentencing Ramesh Raghunath Kamath, the then assistant general manager of Dena Bank, KG Road, Bengaluru, to two years' simple imprisonment and slapped a fine of Rs 1 lakh on him, Jyotsna Kulkarni to undergo one-year simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs 75,000 and N Sudhakar Rao to three years' simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs 6 lakh.

Jyotsna and her husband Rao were partners of Hyderabad-based Vaishnavi Sales Corporation. It is alleged that Kamath in collusion with Vaishnavi Sales Corporation caused a loss of Rs.7.21 crore to the bank. The CBI contended that the other two accused had forged and created documents to get the loan. The evidence showed that Rao misused the loan amount for his own purposes and not for the purpose it was sanctioned. He created fake companies and misused the loan and did not repay it.

Meanwhile, the court observed that the investigating officer could have investigated the case in a better manner. It accused him of not applying his mind properly.

Info transmitted from static to moving source

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THE RRI team, led by Prof Urbasi Sinha at the Quantum Information and Computing (QuIC) lab at the institute, achieved this feat by deploying the indigenously-developed Pointing, Acquisition and Tracking (PAT) system.

The PAT assisted the ground-based source in tracking the moving receiver, in this case, a terrestrial vehicle, a few metres apart. The successful experimental demonstration was held at RRI in early March this year.

"The present demonstration is in continuation to the QuIC lab's QKD established between two buildings on the RRI campus using an atmospheric free space channel in February 2021, another first in India," according to the RRI.

Although the PAT system has been widely used in satellite communications, achieving the establishment of secure quantum key distribution using the PAT system between a stationary source and a mobile receiver was not achieved in India before, according to Prof Sinha.

Police intervene to rein in sparring TDP and YSRC members in Puttaparthi on Saturday

Puttaparthi tense as TDP, YSRC members clash

ENS @ Anantapur

SPIRITUAL town Puttaparthi turned tense with leaders of the ruling YSRC and Opposition TDP clashed, hurling stones, coconuts and chappals at each other, compelling the police to lathicharge and disperse the two groups.

It all started with TDP general secretary Nara Lokesh making allegations of corruption, land grabbing and encouraging the sand mafia, against local MLA D Sridhar Reddy during his Yuva Galam yatra.

The MLA dared the TDP leaders to prove the allegations and asked Lokesh to come to the local Satyamma Temple and take a vow on the same. Joining the debate, former TDP MLA and former minister Palle Raghunath Reddy said there was no development ever since Sridhar Reddy become the MLA and whatever development took place in Puttaparthi was done during the previous TDP regime. He accepted the challenge and fixed the date as April 1.

Puttaparthi police, however, announced that Section 30 of the Police Act is in effect and told both the sides not to visit the temple. Police personnel were posted at the TDP party office and Raghunath Reddy was not allowed to leave the office initially. Raghunath Reddy, however, jumped over the wall and reached the temple where the YSRC leaders too gathered. The MLA too reached there and both sides hurled abuses against each other.

"The TDP leaders have instigated the YSRC activists, who were leaving the place by then after being convinced by the policemen, leading to clashes. The two sides hurled slippers and coconuts at each other," Puttaparthi police said in a statement. The police used force and dispersed both the sides. One vehicle each of the former minister and the MLA were damaged in the clashes.

Jhatkaa protesters booked unlawfully: Activists

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING the police notice to Jhatkaa, an organisation that took part in the campaign against the Sankey Road widening and flyover project, activists and environmentalists have taken to slamming the government bodies.

Last week, Jhatkaa.org member Avijith Micheal was sent a police notice for orchestrating a peaceful protest on February 19 in which children, women, and other groups had taken part to raise environmental awareness. However, the Sadashivanagar police filed an FIR under Section 340 and others that claim wrongful restrain and unlawful assembly.

Taking objection to the notice, conservationist Joseph Hoover said, "This is sheer madness and absolute arrogance from the government agency. This indicates that no one can raise their voice against the government and its ad hoc decision."

Lekha Adavi, an advocate and human rights activist, dubbed this development as an attack on freedom of speech and democracy. Environmentalist Dr Yellappa Reddy said, "Activists gathered to raise awareness on ecology as well as hydro sensitivity surrounding the lake. The police notice serves like a message that no civil society can question the government about its projects or decision."

Leo Saldanha from Environment Support Group opined that it reminds of the British Raj. "Without the Right to Dissent, which includes our Right to Peaceful Protest, there is no democracy. While it's disconcerting to know that people who protested against the controversial and unnecessary Sankey Flyover of BBMP have been booked, it is even more upsetting to find peaceful protesters pleading against the bulldozing of their farms and homes by BDA to develop the disastrous Dr Shivarama Karanth Layout, without any compensation as per LARR 2013 were arrested and jailed," said Saldanha.

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> – Joseph Hoover, activist

Greens concerned over foot bridge at Sankey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BARELY days after the news of a temporary road construction on Hoskerahalli Lake sparked a controversy, residents of Malleswaram and its surrounding areas have raised an alarm over the construction of a foot bridge at Sankey Tank by the BBMP.

The bridge is expected to connect Sadashivanagar to Malleswaram 18th Cross and is slaated to be 150-200 metres long. According to Lake Supervisor Gopal, the tenders for the bridge were called following demand from a few residents and the work began some weeks ago.

"I heard officials talking about the project. There will be a pillar in the lake. A huge steel pipe measuring 9 metres in width will be inserted and water will be drained and diverted into the lake itself. Steel rods will be placed around six pillars, which are 20-feet-high each. The bridge will be concreted properly without disturbing the lake," said Gopal.

BBMP Lake Engineer Balaji confirmed about the project and promised that the approval was sought from Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority and all rules are being followed. "The work is being done in a transparent manner and all the documents will be shared on Monday," said Balaji.

However, green warriors express concern. "There was no need for such a bridge. The lake ecology should not be disturbed," said Vijay Nishanth, an urban conservationist. Preeti Sunderajan from Citizens for Sankey said she has asked officials to share the Detailed Project Report (DPR). "Only after seeing the DPR and related documents can we understand the legality of the project," said Sunderajan.

IT SLEUTHS SEIZE PAPERS FROM HDCC BANK

HASSAN: IT officials continued searches at the Hassan District Central Cooperative (HDCC) Bank on Saturday. The eight-member team, with members from Goa and Tamil Nadu, commenced searches from Thursday morning. Sources said the officials came to Hassan in two private vehicles on Wednesday night and stayed at one of the hotels near the bank. They got booked into the hotel on the pretext of attending a wedding. They entered the bank premises around 7 am, after summoning the manager, who brought the keys of the strong room and safe lockers. The IT officials verified the deposits, hard cash and also compared bank statements. Interestingly, HDCC Bank has been allegedly controlled by JDS leaders since two decades. The officials reportedly seized vital documents on Saturday.

LOST

My Client SHASHIKALA V, Aged 63 yrs. W/o. Late. M MUNIRAJ, R/at No.859/C, 7th Cross, Srinagar BSK 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560050, have lost the original registered Absolute Sale Deed document Bearing no.1480-1997 dt on 10/07/1997, in respect of Sy No. 553/1, 554/1, 554/2, 554/4, registered absolute sale deed document bearing No. 1445/2006, dt on 11/05/2006, in respect of Sy No. 385/1, 386/2, both the properties situated at Gendiganapalli, Thavarekere Panchayat, Denkanikotte Taluk, Krishnagiri Dist, both the properties registered in Denkanikotte sub register office, and same was lost on 24/02/2023 at Attibele junction, Lost Police report No.PO1332230600229,. Lost report dated 30-03-2023.

Sd/- K.V.MANI, B.A., L.L.B, Advocate
No.23/1, Hosur Main Road, Adugodi,
BENGALURU - 560030
Mob : 8073612668

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that the Original Sale Deed dated: 24-12-1993, registered as Document No. 6538/1993-94, stands in the name of Sri. Siddarama S/o Sri. Siddaramaiah and Original Gift Deed dated: 18-01-2018, registered as Document No. KEN-1-08332-2017-18, stands in the name of Sri.Chethan.B.S S/o Sri.Siddarama and the same have been lost by my client Sri. Chethan.B.S S/o Sri.Siddarama, Residing at No.20/A MIG, 10 Main, 2nd Stage, Hoysala Circle, Kengeri Upanagar, Bengaluru - 560 060. All the persons are hereby informed not to carry on any transaction on the basis of said missing documents. With his best efforts he could not able to trace the same. He has also filed a Police Complaint at Bengaluru City Police vide reference No.0470970/2023, dated: 12-02-2023 and another reference No.0518658/2023 dated: 30-03-2023. If found by any one please contact undersigned Advocate.

K.H. Pradeep Kumar, Advocate
'Jurist Chamber', Mourya Mansion,
Ground Floor, 1st Cross, Gandhi Nagar,
Bengaluru-560 009. M No. 9886787126

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client, Mr. Ashish Sharma, S/o. Mr. Subhash Chandra Sharma, R/at No.JB-1801, Salarpuria Greenage Apartment, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560068, has lost General Power of Attorney dated 26.05.2022 bearing e-stamping Certificate No.IN_KA27895590294662U with respect to Residential Plot/site bearing No.342 having E-Khatha No.571/389/342 in UID No.150300402000220203, forming a part of a layout known as "CAMPAN VALLEY PHASE-2" carved out of Sy.No.39/1 & 39/2, situated at Koturu village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. In this connection my client has also lodged a complaint before the Bommenahalli Police on 28.03.2023.

The finders of the said document are hereby requested to return the said document to the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of this notice.

N. HANUMANTHAPPA, Advocate
No.10, 1st Floor, St.Michel School Road, 'E' Cross, Byatarayanapura, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560026. Mobile No.9741077598
Date: 31-03-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, **Sri S A Sitaram, Sri S A Nandakishore,** and Sri S A Kedharnath, have lost original sale deed dated 29.04.1938, registered as document no. 2484/1937-38, Vol 419 pages 56-61 in Book -1, SRO-Bangalore and original sale deed dated 14.10.1977 registered as document no. 1544/1977-78, Vol 1099 pages 176-185 in Book -1, SRO-Basavanagudi, Bangalore pertaining to the property bearing HO No. 14, later site no.19, present no.29, measuring north to south 80 and east to west 42 feet, situated at Govindappa Road, also called 3rd Cross road, division no.29, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, lost on 22.08.2010 during house shifting. A Complaint is lodged in Bangalore Police (Lost Report No.0519555/2023) on 30.03.2023. Finders may return the same to the above said Police Station or Contact at the below address.

Sri. Prashanth.Kumar.K, "LEX FACTUM", Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.365, First Floor, 57th "C" Cross,
Rajajinagar 3rd Block, Bangalore-560 010

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Telephone No. 080-23211559

Ref.No.PVP(P)/STORE/03/2023-24 **Date : 01.04.2023**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed quotations are invited from Reputed Manufacturers/Authorized Dealers for Supply of the following.

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Interested suppliers can collect the tender forms and specifications personally by paying. Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred Only) by cash or DD in favour of the Principal, P.V.P. Polytechnic, Bengalore-56 from the stores section of the institution with a requisition letter in their company letter head on all working days between **9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.**

Sealed quotations for said item should reach the undersigned on or before **02.05.2023** by **1.00 pm** Quotations will be opened on **02.05.2023** at **2.00 p.m.**

Sd/- **Sd/-**
Principal **Managing Trustee/Secretary, PVPWT.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client Sri. Basavaraju S/o Chikkaiah, Mobile No.9449934412 residing at No.486/3, 1st Cross, Venkataswamy Garden, Padarayanapura, Bangalore-560026, is the absolute owner having acquired through a Regd Sale Deed vide document No.0939/1984-85, Book-1, pages 57-61, dated 15.06.1984 regd in Office of Sub Registrar, Sriramapuram, Bangalore. It is informed that the original document have lost/misplaced and not traceable as of now. A police complaint has been lodged in jurisdictional police Station vide No.Lost/0518690/2023 dated 30.03.2023. If any body found the lost/misplaced document may handover to the under signed advocate or to the jurisdictional police station. In spite of this public notice, if anybody found the said original document and deals with the schedule property will solely responsible for suitable action taken against them in accordance with law. If anybody handover the said original document will be suitable rewarded.

SCHEDULE PROERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House bearing corporation No.486/23, situated at 1st Cross, Venkataswamy Garden, Bangalore City, Corporation Division No.21, measuring East to West: 18 feet or 5.48 mtrs North to South: 25 feet or 7.62 mtrs and bounded on
East by: Site No.485, **West by:** 487,
North by: site No.497 and
south by: 1st cross road

AVINASH B RAHUL, ADVOCATE
No.365, 1st Floor, 57th 'C' Cross,
Bhashyam Circle, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar,
Bengaluru-560010.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform all the Concerned Legal Heirs of Late. Smt Nanjamma W/o Sri. Krishna Raju, 15th Cross, Gopalapuram, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560010. We have come to know that Smt Nanjamma is Expired, and there is a Writ Petition No. 29201/2016 Pending at the Hon'ble High court of Karnataka . We have been trying to locate the Legal Heirs of Late. Smt Nanjamma and we have been unsuccessful so far, hence this Public Notice. If there are any Legal heirs of Late. Smt Nanjamma please contact the Undersigned within 3 Days from Publishing this Notice.

Anjana Uday, Advocate,
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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued the Demand Notices, details of which are mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors/co-obligants mentioned therein to repay the total amount mentioned in the demand notice along with future interest within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices.

1. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants: – (1) **Mr. Gajaraj Jain K,** S/o Mr. Kesarmul Jain, (2) **Mr. Mitesh G,** S/o Mr. Gajaraj Jain K, (3)**Mrs. Preeti M Dugar,** W/o Mr. Mitesh G, (4) **Mrs. Nirmala Dugar,** W/o Mr. Gajaraj Jain K, **All are addressed at :** No.1372/A, 31st A Cross, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041, **All also at :** "Samarth Enclave", Flat No.202, Building No.10, 2nd Floor, 11th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560027.

Branch Name: Bengaluru – Wilson Garden **Date of Demand Notice: 27.10.2022**

Amount Demanded: Rs.1,22,98,926.61 [Rupees One Crore Twenty Two Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Six and and Paisa Sixty One Only] i.e Rs.48,43,078.58 under TL A/c No.0677001600074201 along with future interest from 30.09.2022 and Rs.74,55,848.03 under TL A/c No.0677001600102701 along with future interest from 15.10.2022, plus costs.

Date of taking Possession: 28.03.2023

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.1,29,73,593.61 [Rupees One Crore Twenty Nine Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Three and Paisa Sixty One Only] i.e Rs.50,36,592.58 under TL A/c No.0677001600074201 along with future interest from 28.02.2023 and Rs.79,37,001.03 under TL A/c No.0677001600102701 along with future interest from 15.03.2023, plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of **Residential Apartment bearing No.202 (Duplex), in the 1st and 2nd Floors (3rd and 4th Level)** of the building known as **"Samarth Enclave", having a super built up area of 2384 Sq.ft and 799.116 Sq.ft** of undivided right, title and interest in the total land area of **4000 Sq.ft,** with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use, including 2 covered car parking area in the stilt floor, constructed on property bearing **Site No.202, present No.201/10, bearing PID No.62-115-10** assigned by the BBMP, situated at 11th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mr. Gajaraj Jain K and Mr. Mithesh G.** **Boundaries of Land as per Document : East :** 11th Cross, **West :** Site No.197, **North :** Site No.201, **South :** Site No.203. **Boundaries of Flat as per Document : East :** Flat No.201, **West :** Flat No.203, **North :** Entry to the Flat, **South :** Private Property.

2. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants: – (1) **M/s Karavali Koli Mane, Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Prakash Shetty S,** No.272, 12th Cross, Opp. BTS Bus Stop, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560027, (2)**Mr. Prakash Shetty S,** S/o Mr. K. Sanjeeva Shetty (3)**Mrs. Shyamala P Shetty,** W/o Mr.Prakash Shetty S, **Both 2 & 3 are addressed at :** # 310, SLS Sarovar Apartment, Sir M.V Layout, Kodigehalli, Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk -560097.

Branch Name: Bengaluru – Sarakki Layout **Date of Demand Notice: 10.11.2021**

Amount Demanded: Rs.50,05,976.43 [Rupees Fifty Lakhs Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Six and Paisa Forty Three Only] i.e Rs.25,19,575.90 under PSOD A/c No.0987000600231901 along with future interest from 01.11.2021, Rs.4,47,961.00 under PSTL A/c No.0987001800357001 along with future interest from 01.11.2021, Rs.12,37,197.21 under TL A/c No.0987001600619301 along with future interest from 13.10.2021, and Rs.8,01,242.32 under TL A/c No.0987001600629601 along with future interest from 30.10.2021, plus costs.

Date of taking Possession: 28.03.2023

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.44,84,173.98 [Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy Three and Paisa Ninety Eight Only] i.e Rs.24,88,520.59 under PSOD A/c No.0987000600231901 along with future interest from 01.03.2023, Rs.2,38,390.00 under PSTL A/c No.0987001800357001 along with future interest from 01.03.2023, Rs.11,00,446.96 under TL A/c No.0987001600619301 along with future interest from 13.03.2023, and Rs.6,56,816.43 under TL A/c No.0987001600629601 along with future interest from 28.02.2023, plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of **Residential Flat bearing No.310, on the 3rd floor in Block A of multistoried residential building known as "SLS Sarovar",** having a super built up area of **1012 Sq.ft along with 517 Sq.ft** undivided right, title and interest in the land and one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, lift etc, constructed on residentially converted land bearing **BBMP Khata No.1510, 45/4 & 46/1, converted Sy.No.45/4 & 46/1,** situated at Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, belonging to **Mr. Prakash Shetty S. Boundaries of Property as per Document: Sy.No.45/4 : East :** Sy.No.46, **West :** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.46, **North :** Sy.No.45/3, **South :** Sy.No.45/1, 6, 5. **Sy.No.46/1 : East :** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.46, **West :** Sy.No.45, **North :** Sy.No.36, **South :** Sy.No.46/2. **Boundaries of Flat : East :** Door, **West :** Open to Sky, **North :** Flat No.311, **South :** Flat No.309.

3. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants: – (1) **Mr. Mani Saravanan,** S/o Mr. M. Mani (2) **Mrs.Vindhu Alakkal Viswambaran,** W/o Mr. Mani Saravanan, **Both are addressed at :** No.32, Unity Lane, Ejipura, Vivek Nagar, Bengaluru-560047, **Both also at :** Flat No.502, Fifth Floor, 'Pristine Vara', Municipal No.123, Infantry Road, Ward No.78, Vasanthanagar, Bengaluru-560001.

Branch Name: Bengaluru – Peenya **Date of Demand Notice: 05.01.2023**

Amount Demanded: Rs.7,38,17,104.81 [Rupees Seven Crores Thirty Eight Lakhs Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Four and Paisa Eighty One Only] i.e Rs.6,32,53,159.59 under Term Loan A/c No.9267001600014401 along with future interest from 07.11.2022 and Rs.1,05,63,945.22 under Term Loan A/c No.9267001600014701 along with future interest from 30.11.2022, plus costs.

Date of taking Possession: 28.03.2023

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.7,42,10,028.81 [Rupees Seven Crores Forty Two Lakhs Ten Thousand Twenty Eight and Paisa Eighty One Only] i.e Rs.6,36,26,089.59 under Term Loan A/c No.9267001600014401 along with future interest from 30.11.2022 and Rs.1,05,83,939.22 under Term Loan A/c No.9267001600014701 along with future interest from 30.11.2022, plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of **Residential Flat No.502, comprising of 3 BHK, in 5th floor of 'Pristine Vara' having Super built up area 2,500 Sq.ft and Carpet area measuring 1552 Sq.ft, along with 450 Sq.ft** of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in land, and one covered car parking space in basement, and right to use common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common usage, constructed on land bearing **Municipal No.123, PID No.78-1-123,** situated at Infantry Road, Municipal Ward No.78 of Vasanthanagar, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mr. Mani Saravanan. Boundaries of property as per Deed : East :** Property bearing No.122, **West :** Property bearing No.124, **North :** Infantry Road, **South :** Private Property bearing No.123/1. **Boundaries of Flat as per Deed : East :** Private Property, **West :** Private Property, **North :** Flat No.501 of Pristine Vara, **South :** Private Property.

4. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants: – (1) **M/s Manandhi Enterprises, represented by Mr. Manjunath M S, addressed at:** No.2, Navarathna Complex, Opp. Bharath petrol Bunk, Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru–560097, (2) **Mr. Manjunath M S,** S/o Mr. M.S Sathyanarayana Shetty, **R/at:** No.2250, Shri Shiva Santoshi Nilaya, 3rd Cross, Keelukote Layout, Kolar-563101, **Also at:** No.70, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, Bloomfield Gardens, Ramachandrapura, Bengaluru-560097, **And at:** G-102, Vaikunta Nilaya, 6th Cross, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097 and (3) **Mr. M.S Sathyanarayana Shetty,** S/o M.P Srikantha Shetty, **R/at :** No.2250, Shri Shiva Santoshi Nilaya, 3rd Cross, Keelukote Layout, Kolar -563101.

Branch Name: Bengaluru–Gokula **Date of Demand Notice: 10.08.2021**

Amount Demanded: Rs.1,47,54,608.81 [Rupees One Crore Forty Seven Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred Eight and Paisa Eighty One Only] i.e. Rs.9,58,671.00 under PSTL A/c 1157001800040801 along with future interest from 06.01.2022 and Rs.18,58,128.96 under PSTL A/c 1157001800042801 along with future interest from 30.12.2021 and Rs.71,87,444.65 under PSTL A/c 1157001800042901 along with future interest from 30.12.2021 and Rs.47,50,364.20 under PSTL A/c 1157001800043001 along with future interest from 30.12.2021, plus costs.

Date of taking Possession: 28.03.2023

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.1,73,76,848.81 [Rupees One Crore Seventy Three Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Eight and Paisa Eighty One Only] i.e. Rs.11,23,207.00 under PSTL A/c 1157001800040801 along with future interest from 06.03.2023 and Rs.21,90,397.96 under PSTL A/c 1157001800042801 along with future interest from 28.02.2023 and Rs. 84,67,098.65 under PSTL A/c 1157001800042901 along with future interest from 28.02.2023 and Rs. 55,96,145.20 under PSTL A/c 1157001800043001 along with future interest from 28-02-2023, plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of **2BHK Residential Apartment bearing No. G-102** on the Ground Floor of **"Vykunta Nilaya"** Apartment having Super Built up area of **1120 sq ft.** along with one car parking space, presently **BBMP Khata No.979/2657/1028/1/G-102,** together with proportionate share on the common areas and UDS on the property to an extent of **300 Sq.ft.** over the land bearing **Site No.1028 measuring 2400 Sq.ft.** situated in Ward No. 9, Narasipura Village, Vidyaranyapura, 6th Block, HMT Layout, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560097 belonging to **Mr. Manjunatha M S. Boundaries of the entire property: East By :** Property bearing No.1029, **West By:** Property bearing No.1027, **North By :** Property bearing No.1047, **South By :** Road. **Boundaries of Flat : East By :** Stair case, **West By:** Open to Sky, **North By :** Open to Sky, **South By :** Entrance.

5. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants: – (1) **M/s Sai Infratech, a Partnership Firm represented by its Partners a) Mr. Raghu AK, b) Mrs. Parimala T,** (2) **Mr. Raghu A K,** S/o Mr. A V Krishnama Raju, (3) **Mrs. Parimala T,** W/o Mr. Venkatesh A K, **All are addressed at :** No. 28th Main, IOB Bank Lane, Kodigehalli Main Road, Balaji Layout, Bengaluru-560092.

Branch Name: Bengaluru–Sadashivanagar **Date of Demand Notice: 22.11.2022**

Amount Demanded: Rs. 91,80,919.54 [Rupees Ninety One Lakh Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen and Paisa Fifty Four Only] under PSOD A/c No. 9087000600004201 along with future interest from 01.11.2022, plus costs.

Date of taking Possession: 28.03.2023

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs. 97,19,611.54 [Rupees Ninety Seven Lakh Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred and Eleven and Paisa Fifty Four Only] under PSOD A/c No. 9087000600004201 along with future interest from 01.03.2023, plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Properties : Item No. 1: All that part and parcel of the **3 BHK Residential Flat bearing No. 12 (No.112 as per Board)** in the ground floor of the Apartment known as **"MULTI DIAMOND"** constructed on converted land bearing **Sy. No. 30/8A & 30/8B, (Old Sy. No. 30/8), BBMP Khatha No. 1519/30/8A & 8B,** having super built up area of 1830 sq feet and with UDS Share of **891 sq feet** over the land measuring 36 guntas along with one covered car parking slot in the stilt floor, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru-560092 belonging to **Mr. A K Raghu.**

Item No. 2 : All that part and parcel of the **Residential Property bearing Site No. 2, Assessment No.44/2B-2C, Katha No. 261, BBMP Khatha No.356/44/2B-2C/2, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 sqft.** with **residential building** constructed thereon, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru-560094 belonging to **Mr. A K Raghu. Boundaries of Flat –Item No.1 : East by :** Open to Sky, **West by:** Door Entrance, **North by :** Lift, **South by :** Open to Sky. **Boundaries of property of Item No.2 : East by :** Road, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Site No.1, **South by :** Site No.3.

6. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants: – (1) **M/s Sai Kalyan Builders Developers Pvt Ltd, A Private Limited Company, Represented by its Managing Director Mr. Sunil Kumar, Addressed at :** No.4, 2nd Floor, Chinnappa Complex, Coffee Board Layout, HA Farm Post, Bengaluru-560024, (2) **Mr. Sunil Kumar,** S/o Mr. Uday Bhaskar Rao, **Addressed at :** No.401, 4th Floor, Winst, 1st Main Road, Kempapura, Bengaluru Urban-560024, (3) **Mrs. Sharada Devi Channampalli,** W/o Late. Venugopal C, (4) **Mrs. Channampalli Swetha Rani,** D/o Late Venugopal C, (5) **Mrs. Ravipatti Sandyarani,** D/o Late. Venugopal C, (6) **Mrs. Polar Kavyasri ,** D/o Late. Venugopal C, **No.3 to 6 are addressed at :** No.406, Cubics Apartment, 1st Main Road, Kempapura, Hebbal, Bengaluru North-560024. **[No.3) Mrs. Sharada Devi Channampalli, No.4) Mrs. Channampalli Swetha Rani, No.5) Mrs. Ravipatti Sandyarani and No.6) Mrs. Polar Kavyasri being the legal heirs of Late. Venugopal C are the proper and necessary parties to this notice]**

Branch Name: Bengaluru – Amarjyothinagar **Date of Demand Notice: 19.11.2022**

Amount Demanded: Rs.3,95,37,539.02 [Rupees Three Crore Ninety Five Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Nine and Paisa Two Only] under PSOD A/c No.1247000600017401 along with future interest from 01.11.2022, plus costs.

Date of taking Possession: 28.03.2023

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.4,21,96,507.02 [Rupees Four Crores Twenty One Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Five Hundred Seven and Paisa Two Only] under PSOD A/c No.1247000600017401 along with future interest from 01.03.2023, plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Properties :Item No.1] All that part and parcel of the Property bearing **Site No.1, Old V.P Khatha No.54, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No.1116/1389/54/3, Assessment No.54/3, measuring 3680 Sq.ft** [East to West-40.00 feet and North to South-92.00 feet], with commercial building constructed thereon, situated at Eranna Palya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, belonging to Mr. Venugopal C, (since deceased), represented by his legal heirs. **Boundaries of property as per Deed : East :** Property belongs to Murari, **West :** Property belongs to Joseph Thyagaraj, **North :** Road (Ring Road Service Road), **South :** Property belongs to M.E.S College.

Item No.2] : All that part and parcel of immovable **residential property bearing House No.269, BBMP Khata No.229/228/269, measuring 4000 Sq.ft** [East to West-80.00 feet and North to South- 50.00 feet], in the layout formed by **"The Coffee Board Employees Co-operative Housing Society Limited",** carved out of **Sy.No's 10/3, 4/5, 11/1, 12/2, 6/13/1, 4, 5, 14/1, 2, 15/1, 2, 4, 16/1, 2, 17/1A, 1B and 18/2, 3** situated at Kempapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, along with Residential Building constructed thereon, belonging to **Mrs. Sharada Devi Channampalli. Boundaries of property as per Deed : East :** Site No.283, **West :** Road, **North :** Site No.270, South : Site No.268.

7. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants: – (1) **Mr. Saket Jalan,** S/o Mr. Santosh Jalan, (2) **Mrs.Raadhika Jalan,** W/o Mr. Saket Jalan, **Both are addressed at :** Flat No.205, Sparta Block, "Acropolis", Hosur Road, Bengaluru-560095.

Branch Name: Bengaluru – BTM Layout **Date of Demand Notice: 07.01.2023**

Amount Demanded: Rs.3,62,90,177.21 [Rupees Three Crores Sixty Two Lakhs Ninety Thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven and Paisa Twenty One Only] i.e Rs.2,79,15,108.13 under Term Loan A/c No.1117001600238101 along with future interest from 09.12.2022, Rs.13,65,991.51 under Term Loan A/c No.1117001600238201 along with future interest from 09.12.2022 and Rs.70,09,077.57 under Term Loan A/c No.1117001600238501 along with future interest from 26.12.2022, plus costs.

Date of taking Possession: 28.03.2023

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.3,73,87,840.21 [Rupees Three Crores Seventy Three Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty and Paisa Twenty One Only] i.e Rs.2,87,10,203.13 under Term Loan A/c No.1117001600238101 along with future interest from 09.03.2023, Rs.14,10,675.51 under Term Loan A/c No.1117001600238201 along with future interest from 09.03.2023 and Rs.72,66,961.57 under Term Loan A/c No.1117001600238501 along with future interest from 26.03.2023, plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of **Residential Flat bearing No.205, (Old No.205-S), New Municipal No.20/85, Old BBMP PID No.63-159-20/85, New PID No.146-M0131-48-32,** on second floor of 'SPARTA Block' in the apartment building known as **'ACROPOLIS',** having Super built up area **2,292 Sq.ft** along with **882.65 Sq.ft** of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in land, and one top covered car parking space in the basement floor, and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, constructed on land bearing No.20, situated at Hosur Road, Madiwala Division No.63, Bengaluru (now within BBMP limits), belonging to **Mr. Saket Jalan. Boundaries of property as per Deed : East :** Hosur – Bengaluru Road, **West :** Hosur – Bengaluru Road, **North :** Private Property in S.No.67, **South :** Private Property in S.No.151, **Boundaries of Flat as per Document : East :** Flat No.206, **West :** Open to Sky, **North :** Entrance, **South :** Open to Sky.

8. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants: – (1) **M/s Sri Soubhagyalakshmi Films, Represented by its Proprietrix Mrs. Shobha Rajanna,** (2) **Mrs. Shobha Rajanna,** W/o Mr. Rajanna G, **No.1 & 2 are addressed at :** #25/5, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, K.G Nagar, Bengaluru-560019, (3) **Mrs. Gowramma,** W/o Mr. Jayaram, **Addressed at :** 4/4, R.K Mutt Layout, 3rd Cross, K.G Nagar, Gavipuram, Bengaluru – 560019, (4) **Mrs. Jayamma G,** W/o Mr. Narasimha Murthy N, **Addressed at :** No.51, 2nd Cross, Near Shanimahatma Temple, R.K Mutt Layout, K.G Nagar, Gavipuram, Bengaluru–560019, (5) **Mrs. Lakshmamma,** W/o Mr. Gangaiah, **Addressed at :** No.5, Near Shanimahatma Temple, Kempegowda Nagara, Bengaluru-560018, (6) **Mr. Rajanna G,** S/o Mr. Gangaiah, **Addressed at :** No.67, 14th Cross, Muneshwar Nagara, Ullal Main Road, Bengaluru-560056, (7) **Mr.Ramesh G,** S/o Mr. Gangaiah, **Addressed at :** No.51, R.K Layout, K.G Nagar, Bengaluru-560019, (8) **Mr. Sathish G,** S/o Mr. Gangaiah, **Addressed at :** No.51, 2nd Cross, Opposite Shaneshwara Temple Road, R.K Layout, K.G Nagar, Bengaluru-560019.

Branch Name: Bengaluru – Bull Temple Road **Date of Demand Notice: 08.01.2023**

Amount Demanded: Rs.1,27,95,598.20 [Rupees One Crore Twenty Seven Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight and Paisa Twenty Only] i.e Rs.1,03,26,895.20 under PSDPN A/c No.9707001400000601 along with future interest from 01.01.2023 and Rs.24,68,703.00 under PDPN A/c No.9707001400000701 along with future interest from 01.01.2023, plus costs.

Date of taking Possession: 28.03.2023

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.1,31,76,320.20 [Rupees One Crore Thirty One Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty and Paisa Twenty Only] i.e Rs.1,06,34,591.20 under PSDPN A/c No.9707001400000601 along with future interest from 01.03.2023 and Rs.25,41,729.00 under PDPN A/c No.9707001400000701 along with future interest from 01.03.2023, plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of **southern portion of the property bearing Site No.51, PID No.49-38-51, measuring 654.50 Sq.ft** as per document [East to West – (26+18)/2 feet, North to South – (29.5 +30)/2 feet], with Residential Building constructed thereon, situated at Old BBMP Ward No.49, New BBMP Ward No.142, Kempegowda Nagar, Ramakrishna Mutt Layout, Bengaluru, mortgaged by **Mrs. Lakshmamma, Mr. Rajanna G, Mrs. Gowramma, Mr. Ramesh G , Mr. Sathish G and Mrs. Jayamma G. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Road, **West :** Site No.50, **North :** Remaining portion of same property No.51, **South :** Road.

The borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties, as described herein above, in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **28.03.2023.**

The borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned herein above and any dealings with the said properties will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd.,** for amounts as described herein above.

[The attention of the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 28.03.2023

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **GENERAL PUBLIC** are hereby notified that the Original Rggistered Sale Deed dated 04.04.2007 vide Document No.NMG-1-00028-2007-08 in Book-I, CD NO.NMGD81 registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala which is related to the Schedule Property have been lost/mis-placed and the same is not traceable despite the best efforts of my client Mr.Devi Sathyanarayana Singh. It is further represented that the original lost Registered Sale Deed dated 04.04.2007 for the schedule property of my client has not been mortgaged, pledged or deposited for any financial assistance of whatsoever nature and that the Schedule Property is absolutely free from all encumbrances. A Complaint to that effect has also been lodged with the jurisdictional Police/ The Station House Officer Seshadripuram Police Station, Bengaluru-560 021.

If any person/s who claim/s any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature in or any lien charge or enforceable right in relation to the said Schedule Property and/or any objections of whatsoever nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents with the undersigned **WITHIN 7DAYS.** The General Public is further notified that, if anyone were to come in possession of the above referred Original Sale Deed dated 04.04.2007 in respect of the Schedule Property he/they may return the same to the undersigned. In case, the finder of the sale deed mis-use the same on the strength of the original sale deed referred above, my client shall not be responsible for any charge/claim or interest created over the Schedule Property by any miscreants/ mischievours in any manner either by the holder of original sale deed or anybody else acting on his/their behalf by using the sale deed dated 04.04.2007 as aforesaid.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Sy No.8, measuring 24 guntas converted under vide conversion order No.ALN.(N).SR/2/2004-2005 dated 12.05.2004, sites formed in the land having Site No.31, Khaneshmari No.5/324/31, measuring East to West 50 feet, North to South 100 feet, totally measuring 5000 sq.feet, situated at Kenchanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, within the limits of Srinivasapura Grama Panchayat and bounded as follows; **East by:** Site No.30, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Site No.32.

Sri N.K. KANTHARAJU, Advocate
No.32A, 8th Cross, Malleswaram, [Behind Chandus Deluxe Hotel] BENGALURU-560 003.
Mobile No : 98808 57296

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the general public that, MY CLIENTS **Mr. PRABHAL SHETTY** and **Mr. PRAJWAL** both address at #2-4, Shri Annapurna House, Sanoor, Udupi Sanur, Karkala Taluk, Udupi, Karnataka-574114 and they are intending to purchase the Schedule Property (herein under referred) enter into agreement to sell with present sole owner Mrs. Jayasree Mahadev Vakkund and she after demise of her husband late. Mahadev Maddeppa Vakkund, had acquired sole and absolute ownership in the Schedule Property and also she had obtained registered Release Deed 31.03.2023 from her only daughter Mrs. Prathima Manjunath, which is the registered at the office of Yeshwanthapura Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru.

If any person/s claiming any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to said Schedule property and/or any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned address together with supporting documents **within 15 (Fifteen) days** hereof, failing **which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and our client would proceed to complete the sale transaction with the aforesaid owner subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
[Subject Property hereby agreed to be conveyed]

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of **Site Property No.1198, BBMP Municipal Khatha No.1198, PID No.14-74-1198,** situated at 11th 'B' Cross, 2nd Stage Extension, West of Chord Road, Basaveshwaranagar, BBMP Ward No.67-Nagapura, Bengaluru-560086, site measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 50 feet., in total measuring 1500 Square feet or 139.35456 Square Meters, together with house building constructed thereon and site is bounded by :

East by :	Property bearing site No.1197,
West by :	Property bearing site No.1199,
North by :	11. Cross Road, and
South by :	Property Site No.1193.

Mr. Rudraswamy .G.M & Mr. Naveen Kumar .L,
Advocates Associates, #27, Palace Guttahalli, 2nd Cross, Palace Guttahalli, Malleshwaram, BENGALURU-560003. Mob No.9986833635.

THE BHARAT CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Jayanagar Branch, No.30, 15th Cross, 3rd block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011

POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **The Bharat Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **05/03/2022** calling upon the borrower : **1. Mrs. Lakshmamma M R** W/o N M Lakshmi Prasad No.167-12, 12th Cross, Mahalakshmi Layout, 3rd Floor, Opp. Veeranjaneya Swamy Temple, Bangalore-560086. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.85,64,500/-(Rupees Eighty Five Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred Only)** as on **10/02/2022** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **27th day of March of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Bharat Co-Op Bank Ltd., Jayanagar Branch, Bangalore,** for an amount of **Rs.80,57,113/- (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirteen Only) as on 14/03/2023** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal No.60, (Old Site No.39 & 40) formed in the Sy. No.16, of Gangenahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, 5th Cross, CPV Block, Ganganagar, Ward No.98, PID No.98-86-60, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 58 feet and bounded by the following boundaries. East : Road, West : Property of Lakshmidevi, North : Road, South : Property of Byrappa.

Date : 27.03.2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Bharat Co-Op Bank Ltd.

Bank of India

Bengaluru Zone : No. 11, Kempegowda Road,
Bangalore - 560 009 , Ph : 080- 22959400, Fax : 080 - 22289054
E- Mail : Zo.Bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

[Rule –8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of **Bank of India** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **03-01-2023** calling upon the Borrower/ Mortgagor/guarantor **M/s Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Service Station (Proprietor: Mr. S N Nagesh)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for **Loan Against Property of Rs.1,05,17,733.93/-**(Rupees One Crore Five Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Three and Paise Ninety Three) outstanding as on 22-12-2022, along with further interest thereon @ 11.10% p.a. from 22-12-2022, **for Term Loan-I of Rs.12,61,989/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Nine) outstanding as on 30-11-2022, along with further interest thereon @ 10.10% p.a. from 30-11-2022 and for **Term Loan-IIof Rs.9,49,890.21** (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and PaiseTwenty One) outstanding as on 30-11-2022 along with further interest thereon @ 9.75% p.a. from 30-11-2022, **totaling to Rs.1,27,29,613.14,** compounded with monthly rests along with further interest, costs expenses and monthly rests thereon within 60 (sixty) days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under subsection (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the (Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **27th day of March of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.1,27,29,613.14 and interest thereon.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSETS
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property (Vacant Land), Khata No. 6, House no. 6, situated at Sringarapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, within the limits of Mandur Grama Panchayat, Bangalore-500049 measuring East to West 103 Ft and North to South 183 Ft, admeasuring 18849Sq Ft. owned by Mr. S N Nagesh.

The Boundaries of the property: East by -Site No. 5, belongs to S N Muniraj, West by -Budigere Road, North by -Sy No 43, belongs to Narayana Reddy, South by -Road.

Date: 27-03-2023
Place: Bengaluru

MARKAD DINKAR KAMATH
AUTHORISED OFFICER
BANK OF INDIA

KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK

(A Scheduled Bank owned by Government of India; Sponsored by : Canara Bank)
Regional Office, Bengaluru – 560072 Karnataka
R & L Section
Ph-080-23186095, 23217079 Email:roblr.rlw@kgbk.in
No 19 &19-1, 2nd Floor, South End Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank**, under the Securitization and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers/ mortgagor/guarantor to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on date mentioned below

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrowers in particular and the public in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Karnataka Gramin Bank,** for an amount mentioned as follows and interest plus charges thereon, till the date of realization of due.

Aradeshahally Branch
Sl No.1) Borrower :SRI BHUVANESHWARI SHG ARADESHANA HALLY, Represented by (1) Sri H Subbanna s/o Hanumatharayappa (President), (2) Sri S Mahesh s/o Siddappa (Secretary), (3) Sri A Narendra s/o Anjinappa (Treasurer), Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk -562157
Possession Notice Dated: 28/03/2023 **Demand Notice Dated: 04/01/2023**
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 23,92,143/- (Rupees Twenty Three lakh Ninety two Thousand One hundred Forty Two only) as on 28.03.2023 and interest from 01.03.2023.
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the property bearing Katha No.210/107 situated at Aradeshahally Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahally Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District Measuring East-West: 24 Ft and North-South:30 Ft. This Property is in the name of **Sri. H Subbanna s/o Hanumatharayappa.** bounded by : **On the East by :** House of Shanthamma, **On the West by :** Dari & Property of Venkatappa, **On the North by :** Road, **On the South by :** House of Chikkakempaiah.

Havanoor Branch
Sl No.2) Borrower : (1) Miss Shwetha R, D/o D Ramachandra, R/at : 24, Thippenahalli, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073, and (2) Sri. D. Ramachandra S/o Dasappa, R/at : 24, Thippenahalli, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073.
Possession Notice Dated: 31/03/2023 **Demand Notice Dated: 18/01/2023**
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 14,92,200/- (Rupees Fourteen lakh Ninety two Thousand Two hundred only) as on 16.03.2023 and interest from 17.03.2023.
Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of the property bearing Khatha No 247/83/2, Sy No 83/2, two residential buildings built on portion of land 1 acre 17 guntas situated at Thippenahalli Doddabidarakallu, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru District Measuring (1) East to West: 80 Ft & North to South : 40 Ft (2) East to West: 27 1/4 Ft. & North to South : 40 Ft, This Property is in the name **of Sri.D Ramachandra S/o Dasappa.** bounded by : **On the East by :**Govt Road, **On the West by :** Bylappa's land, **On the North by :** Govt Halla, **On the South by :** Balance land of Sy No.83/2.

Date : 01.04.2023
Place : BENGALURU
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK,

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL

PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING

Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited

Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat 362266
Branch Office: Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited, Star Avenue, No.1(78), 3rd Floor, 6th Cross Street, Victoria Layout, Victoria Road, Beside Vijaya Bank, Bangalore- 560025. Contact No: 1.ABHFL: Authorized Officer Mr. Ravi Kumar Yadav, Contact No: 919886936038 Chirag Lokhande Contact No.: 919773758208, 2.Auction Service Provider (ASP):- M/s. Globe Tech Infosystems Private Limited - Mr. Samir Chakravorty; Contact No. +91 9810029933, +91 1244470855, email id- CARE@BestAuctionDeal.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset(s) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Whereas the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor has taken possession of the following Secured assets pursuant to notice issued under Sec. 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) for recovery of the secured debts of the secured creditor, for the dues as mentioned herein below with further charges and cost thereon from the following Borrowers and Co-Borrowers. Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Co-Borrowers that e-auction of the following property for realization of the debts due to the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited will be held on "As is where is", "As is what is" Basis.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrowers & Co-Borrwers	Description of Properties / Secured Assets:	Amount as per Demand Notice	Reserve Price	EMD	Last EMD Date	Inspection Date & Time	Date of E-Auction
1	Mr. Abhik Roy, Mrs. Meghla Roy, Roy Hotel and Restaurant.	All the piece and parcel of property With Apartment No.301 on the 2nd Floor, in the building known as "Sethi Enclave" measuring 1100 sq.ft., of super built up area and 301 sq.ft., of undivided share of land constructed on Plot No.12, Municipal No.12, of Lottegollahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk within the revenue limits of Vajarahalli Village Panchayath bounded on the, North by Site No.11, South by Private Property, East by Site No.13, West by 40 feet Road	Rs.48,00,007 (Rupees Forty Eight Lacs and Seven Only) as on 01-09-2021	Rs.47,96,000/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lacs Ninety Six Thousand Only)	Rs.4,79,600/- (Rupees Four Lacs Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Only).	21-04-2023	20-04-2023 between 11:00 am to 04:00 pm.	22-04-2023
2	Mr. Rajesh. M, Mr. Mahadevaiah, Mr. Mahadevamma and M/s Nethravathi Enterprises	All the piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.11, Katha No.433, Old Katha No.14/1, Assessment No.14 then 14/1A, presently 14/1A2 situated at Malagala Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 42 feet and North to South on the Eastern Side 48 feet, on Western side 39 feet in all measuring 1827 sq.feet and bounded on the, North by Road, South by Property No.10, East by Property No.1, West by Road	Rs. 59,26,884.05 (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Four and Paise Five Only) as on 08-07-2021	Rs. 71,92,168/- (Rupees Seventy One Lacs Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Eight Only)	Rs. 7,19,216.82/- (Rupees Seven Lacs Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen and Eighty Two Paisa Only).	21-04-2023	20-04-2023 between 11:00 am to 04:00 pm.	22-04-2023

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor's website i.e. https://homefinance.adityabirlacapital.com/properties-for-auction-under-sarfaesi-act or https://BestAuctionDeal.com

Date: Date: 02-04-2023, Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorized Officer - Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTRE (RACPC), HSR LAYOUT

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Smt. Susmita Sahoo
Chief Manager
E-mail ID: maint.hsr@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 7022148220

Address of the Branch:
No.241, 19th Main Road 4th Sector
HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560 102.
Mob No. 9972361099,
Email: racpc.hsr@sbi.co.in

APPENDIX – IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(EXCLUDING MOVABLE ASSETS, IF ANY, LYING IN THE PREMISES)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets (excluding movable assets, if any, lying thereon) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1)of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagers in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, State Bank of India, the physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **25.04.2023** for recovery of **Rs.68,16,960/-** (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty only) as on 27.03.2023 and further interest at contractual rate from 28.03.2023 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri.Ramesh Babu Mylapilli.**
The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under: -

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction
1.	Rs.34,87,000/-	Rs.3,48,700/-	Rs.20,000/-	11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. on 25.04.2023

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Tender No: SBI-40877/EA/KNR/HSR/2022-2023/04
Sale deed No.ABL-1-03664-2019-20, CD. No. ABLD504 dated 31.08.2019 at SRO Basavangudi (Attibele), Bengaluru.
Schedule property A: (1) Sy.No.13/1 – Extent of 1 Acre 32 Guntas, Converted to non-agricultural vide conversion order No. ALN (A.J) S.R / 217 /2011-12 date 21/04/2012, (2) Sy.No.13/2-Extent of 3 Acre 16 Guntas, converted to non-agricultural vide conversion order No. ALN(A.J)S.R/219/2011-12 date 21/04/2012, (3) Sy.No.73-Extent of 3 Acre 36 Guntas, Converted to non-agricultural vide conversion order No.ALN(AJ)SR/220/2011-12 date 21/04/2012, and (4) Sy.No.14/5- Extent of 2 Acre 05 Guntas, Converted to non-agricultural vide conversion order No.ALN(AJ)94/2012-13 date 11/09/2012 AND No.ALN(AJ)SR/216/2011-12 Dt.30/03/2012 Totally measuring 11 Acres & 9 Guntas, situated at Konasandra and Vaderamanchanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluq, Bengaluru District. (Layout Plan Approved by ANEKAL PLANNING AUTHORITY (APA) No.APA/LAO/152/2012-13 Dt.21/04/2014 and acknowledged by RERA Via No.PR/KN/170824/001400 and bounded by:
Survey No.13/1 Bounded on by: East by: Sy.No.13/2, **West by:** Sy.No.12, Sy.No.11/1, Sy.No.11/2 **North by**: Remaining Portion of Sy.No.13/1, **South by:** Sy.No.73
Survey No.13/2 Bounded on by: East by: Remaing Portion of Sy No.13/2 (16 Guntas) & Sy.No.14 **West by:** Sy.No.13/1, **North by**: Road, **South by:** Sy.No.73.
Survey No.73 Bounded on by: East by: Property of Sreerama Reddy Sy.No.74, **West by**: Land bearing Sy.No.71 & 72, **North by**: Land bearing Sy.No.13/1, 13/2 and 14/5, South by: Land bearing Sy.No.71
Survey No.14/5 Bounded on by: East by: Land bearing Sy.No.15 Muniyappa, West by: Land bearing Sy.No.13/2, **North by:** Land bearing Sy.No.14/4, **South by:** Land bearing Sy.No.73 of Gowramma
Schedule B (Property conveyed under this Sale Deed
All that piece and parcel of the site property Site No.53 bearing Katha No.251/53 and PID No.150200100401320201 carved out of Sy.No.13/1 – Extent of 1 Acre 32 Guntas, Converted to non-agricultural vide conversion order No.ALN(AJ)S.R/217/2011-12 date 21/04/2012, and Sy.No.13/2 – Extent of 3 Acre 16 Guntas, Converted to non-agricultural vide conversion order No.ALN(AJ)S.R/219/2011-12 date 21/04/2012, situated at Vadermanchanahalli Village, JiganiHobli, AnekalTaluk, Bengaluru District, Which is part of BMRDA Approved Layout in "**S2 Homes- Butterfly Gardens**" formed out of the property mentioned in the Schedule A Totally measuring : 278.62 Square Meter (equivalent to 2999 Square feet) as per approved plan 2400 sq.ft., Site No.53 is standing in the name of Sri.Ramesh Babu Mylapilli S/o. Upendra Rao Mylapilli and bounded on by: East by: Road, West by: Compound Wall, North by: Site No.52 and South by: Road.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidders may contact the Authorised officer, **State Bank of India, RACPC, HSR Layout** during office hours. **Contact No.9972361099** or Banks approved Resolution Agent: **M/s.KN Resolutions Pvt Ltd., Mr.Pradeep Kumar, Cell No.9535052772.**
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Retail Assets Central Processing Centre (RACPC), HSR Layout, Bengaluru i.e.., (1).www.sbi.co.in, (2) https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp and (3) www.ibapi.in.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 31.03.2023
Sd/- Authorized Officer
State Bank of India
RACPC, HSR Layout, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that Our Clients, 1) **Mrs. Fatema Khan,** daughter of Late Bakhtyar Kamaluddin Khan, wife of Mr. Iftikhar Khan, and 2) **Mrs. Samea Khan**, daughter of Late Bakhtyar Kamaluddin Khan, are the joint owners of the Property mentioned in the Schedule below.
Notice is further given to the public not to deal with any other person in respect of the Schedule Property. All persons are hereby informed not to deal or enter into any transaction with any other person in respect of the Schedule Property. If any person has already entered into any transaction kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 15 days from this date.

SCHEDULE
BDA Site No. 778, 3rd Block, 3rd Cross, 9th Main, Koramangala, measuring East to West 18.28 mtrs and North to South 12.19 mtrs, totally measuring 222.83 sq. mtrs. and bounded on the
East by : Site No. 757
West by : Road
North by : Site No. 779
South by : Site No. 777

KNS Legal
Advocates, No. 11/3-5, 2nd Floor, Palace Loop Road, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru – 560 052.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby brought to kind notice of all the general public that my client namely Mrs.Thulsi Prema Narase Gowda @ D.V.Thulsi Prema W/o Mr.Narase Gowda.N.C, aged about 62 years, R/at: No.128, 'C' Sector, Amruthanagara, Sahakaranagara post, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru -560092t is intending to purchase the schedule property bearing Re-Sy.No.332/9, Old.Sy.No.332/1 measuring 8 guntas out of 1 acre 6 guntas situated at Bettahalasuru village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District from its owner namely Mrs.Veena Udayashankar W/o Mr.B.Udaya Shankar, aged about 53 years, R/at: No.43, Bhagavathi Kirana, 12th 'B' Cross, 18th Main, J.P.Nagara, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru - 560078. Hence hereby calling the general public including their legal heirs, agreement holders or anybody including the adjacent property owners, or anybody claiming any manner of right, title and possession, or objections over the schedule property regarding purchase by my client from the above owners may kindly contact with all suitable legal documents to the below mentioned attorney office within 7 days from the date of its publish. If not, it deems that the said property is free from all encumbrances and non-else except my client intending vendors have no manner of any right, title, possession and objections to sale the schedule property and my client shall proceed further in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the schedule property bearing Re-Sy.No.332/9, Old.Sy.No.332/1 measuring 8 guntas out of 1 acre 6 guntas situated at Bettahalasuru Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District which is bounded on:
East by: Road and thereafter the property as per Block No.VIII; **West by:** Property as per Block III of the Revenue Sketch; **North by:** Tarahunase Gadi; **South by:** Property as per Block IV of the Revenue Sketch;

Contact Address:-
Sri. R.V. Narayanaswamy,
Office at:- #36/6, 1st Main Road, Behind I.B, Ward No.20, Shanthinagara, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural District
Ph: 9900453227

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is herewith informed to the General Public / Banks/authorities that my client **Sri.B V Muralidhar, S/o Late.N C Vishwanath**, Aged about 53 Years, Addressed at: Flat No-302, 2nd Floor, 756, 5th Main, W O C Road, 2nd Stage, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore–560096, is intending to Purchase the Property, as detailed in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the Schedule Property, from its **Owner Sri.E.THEERTHA PRASAD S/o Ere Gowda,** Aged about 55 Years, Resident of: No- 76, 6th Cross, 2nd Stage, Basaveshwara Layout , Vijayanagara, Bangalore – 560040. Any Person/Persons/ individual/ Institutions/ Firms/ Authority / Departments, asserting any rights, title, interest, or claim, what so ever in nature, over the or in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner or having any claim against the Schedule Property and documents thereof, against the Owners aforesaid or objecting to such transaction, shall lodge their claims with the undersigned, **within Seven Days (07)** from the date of this Public Notice, with all the necessary documentary proof, upon which they are basing and asserting their rights, with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Failing which, my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever in nature, in respect of the Schedule Property and proceed with the completion of the proposed Transaction / Sale Deed and complete the Sale transaction.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the commercial building / property bearing Site No- 5 and Northern Portion Site No-6, (as carved in Survey No-99 of Srigandhadakaval Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore) within the jurisdiction of the BBMP Ward No- 70 / Rajagopalanagar, Situated at: 7th Cross, Srigandha Nagara, Srigandhada Kaval, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Composite Sital area Measuring : East to West:40 Feets, North to South: 45 Feets. In all measuring 1800 Sq Feets, Bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Property of Doddaiah. **North by:** Road, **South by:** Southern Portion of Site No-6.In between above referred property / with a 5 storied commercial building structure, with 3 tenaments, with the building measuring about Sq 5000 Feets.

Praveen Hegde, Advocate
No-06, Ground Floor, 1st Main, Girls School Street, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore – 560 020.

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NOTICE FOR SALE OF VEHICLES BY E-AUCTION

Notice to public is hereby given to the effect that the vehicle described herein will be sold by **State Bank of India, RACPC-Banaswadi** by holding E-Auction on the date and time mentioned in this notice is **"As is where Basis and Condition"**

Sl. No	Name of the Borrower	Loan A/c. NO.	Vehicle Model	Reg. No.	Fuel Type	Reserve Price Incl. Of GST
1	JHANSI G	39746871766	Maruti Baleno	KA 05 NB 3313	Petrol	Rs. 5,94,000

Date & Time of e-Auction: 11.04.2023, 11.00 AM To 03.00 PM (With unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes each).
EMD: 10% of each vehicle's reserve Price as mentioned above. (EMD is Refundable for unsuccessful bidder) for inspection of above Vehicles contact below mentioned Agency: **Lakshmi Recovery Agency- Ph No. 8618048183.**

Terms and conditions: 1.E-Auction is being held on "As is where Basis and Condition" and the Bank is not responsible for condition of Poor Internet Conectivity or any other fact affecting the Vehicle. 2.The E-Auction will take Place through portal https://ibapi.in on 11.04.2023. 3. for detailed procedure and terms and condition of E-auction, interested bidder may visit https://ibapi.in & download business rules document. 4.All the above vehicles are parked at the agency yard. 5.Willing bidders can inspect the vehicle(s) at the agency yard on 01.04.2023 and 02.04.2023 mentioned above and give best quote (over and above the minimum base price). 6.the bidders have to increase the bidding amount by minimum Rs.5,000/- above Reserve price. 7.Balance of bid amount by the successful bidder should be remitted within 7 days, i.e. 18.04.2023, 4 PM failing which EMD amount stands forfeited. 8.Successful bidders cannot back-out for any reason. 9.Bank reserves the right to cancel or postpone the auction without prior notice. 10.For further details you may **contact Authorized officer, Contact No. 9481261521.**

Place: Bengaluru,
Date: 30.03.2023
Sd/-
Authorized Officer
9481261521

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public at large are hereby informed that, my clients have negotiated and agreed to purchase the Schedule Property described herein below mentioned property, from **Sri. M. K. Amara Narayana Son of late M. T. Krishna Reddy,** Residing at No.19, Krishna Senate, Outer Ring Road (ORR), Marthahalli, Bangalore-560037. As such any person/s/Company/Bank/institution having any claim whatsoever over the schedule property are hereby called upon to file their objections, claims along with supporting documents to the below mentioned address within 7 days from the date of this notification. If no objections/claims are received within the above said period my client shall proceed to conclude the sale transaction as if there are no objections or claims whatsoever and my client shall be considered as bona fide purchaser of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the residential converted immovable property bearing old Survey No.76, after Phodi assigned as New Survey No.76/2 measuring 30 Guntas and 1 ¼ Guntas of khrab land of Gonighattapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, converted for agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No.ALN(A)(S) CR233/2013-14, Dated 20-1-2015, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, together with all right, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and bounded on the:
East by: Land in Sy No.76/3
West by: Land in Sy No.76/1
North by: Land in Sy No.77
South by: Road & Land in Sy No.73

Sd/- G. V. Anjaneya Gowda,
Advocate & consultant,
#250, White City Layout,
Seegehalli Village,
Bangalore-560049
MOBILE NO.9900716419

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, #4/10, Mythri Centre, 1st Floor, Dsmg, West- Wing, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co Borrowers/ Guarantors Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mrs. Anitha Subramanian (Borrower) Mrs. Lakshmi K (Co Borrower) Loan Account No. LBBNG00003397972	All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat/Apartment bearing No.201, 'B' Block on the Second Floor of the building known as 'BIJITH KRUPA', constructed in the Schedule 'A' property, having a super built up area of 1428 sq ft consisting of 3 bedrooms, Hall cum Dining, Toilets, Kitchen, Belcony together with all the civic amenities along with right over the proportionate common areas and facilities attributable thereto of the apartment building.The flat is RCC framed structure with Vitrified flooring & Salwood doors and windows and with water, electricity and sanitary connection and one covered car parking space in the basement floor of the building	Rs. 89,85, 685.85/- (as on March 29, 2023)	Rs. 30,00,000/- / Rs. 3,00,000/-	April 18, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 29, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
2.	Mrs. Anitha Subramanian (Borrower) Mrs. Lakshmi K (Co Borrower) Loan Account No. LBBNG00003397975	All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat/Apartment bearing No.308, 'B' Block on the Third Floor of the building known as 'BIJITH KRUPA', constructed in the Schedule 'A' property, having a super built up area of 1504 sq ft consisting of 3 bedrooms, Hall cum Dining, Toilets, Kitchen, Belcony together with all the civic amenities along with right over the proportionate common areas and facilities attributablem there to of the apartment building.The flat is RCC framed structure with Vitrified flooring & Salwood doors and windows and with water, electricity and sanitary connection and one covered car parking space in the basement floor of the building sitauted at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk now Division 3, Bangalore Rural District	Rs. 95,67, 567.55/- (as on March 29, 2023).	Rs. 30,00,000/- / Rs. 3,00,000/-	April 18, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 29, 2023 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
3.	Mrs Suganya Subramanian (Borrower) Esther Vasantha (Co Borrower) Loan Account No. LBBNG00003415305	All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat/Apartment bearing No.108,'B' Block on the First Floor of the building known as 'BIJITH KRUPA' constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property, having a super built up area of 1504 sq ft consisting of 3 bedrooms, Hall cum Dining,Toilets, Kitchen, Belcony together with all the civic amenities along with right over the proportionate common areas and facilities attributable thereto of the apartment building.The flat is RCC framed structure with Vitrified flooring & Salwood doors and windows and with water, electricity and sanitary connection and one covered car parking space in the basement floor of the building sitauted at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk now Division 3, Bangalore Rural District	Rs. 94,28, 099.55/- (as on March 29, 2023)	Rs. 30,50,000/- / Rs. 3,05,000/-	April 18, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 29, 2023 from 12:30 PM to 01:30 PM
4.	Mrs Suganya Subramanian (Borrower) Esther . Vasantha (Co Borrower) Loan Account No. LBBNG00003415306	All that piece and parcel of the residential flat/apartment bearing no 105' B' Block on the first floor of the building known as ' BIJITH KRUPA' constructed in the schedule A property having a super built up area of 1414 sqft consisting of 3 bedroom, hall cum dining, toilets,kitchen,balcony together with all the civic ammenities along with right over the proportionate common areas and facilities attributable there to of the apartment building.The flat is RCC framed structure with vitrified flooring and salwood doors and windows and with water ,electricity and sanitary connection and one covered car parking space in the basement floor of the building sitauted at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk now Division 3, Bangalore Rural District	Rs. 93,73, 468.05/- (as on March 29, 2023)	Rs. 30,00,000/- / Rs. 3,00,000/-	April 18, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 29, 2023 from 01:30 PM to 02:30 PM
5.	Mr. G Timothy Thomas (Borrower) SHANTHI GOPAL (Co Borrower) Loan Account No. LBBNG00005141007	All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Site bearing No:39 carved out of SCHEDULE 'A'PROPERTY, situated at Channasandra village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,Bangalore, in the residential layout Known as "RELIAABLE EAST URBAANIAA", Further followed by Final Residential layout plan and Site release order No.BDA/TPM/PL-27/2018- 19/1044/2019-20 Dated: 09.10.2019, Measuring at: East by 6.02 Meter, West by 8.3 Meter, North by 15.24 Meter and South 15.24 Meter, Totally measuring 109.85 Sq. Mtrs (1182 Square feet) and bounded on the East by : Path way West by : Road North by : Private Property South by : Site No 40	Rs. 69,00, 254.73 (as on March 29, 2023)	Rs. 52,00,000/- / Rs. 5,20,000/-	April 19, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 29, 2023 from 02:30 PM to 03:30 PM
6.	Mr. Shaik Masood Ali (Borrower) Shaik Maqsood Ali (Co Borrower) Loan Account No. LBBNG00005031943	Residential Apartment constructed over a portion of Schedule A Property bearing No.08 om Ground Floor in A Block measuring 2020 Sq.ft of super built up area together with proportionate 282.8 Sq.ft of undivided share, right,title and interest in the land exclusively identified with the aforesaid block therein the Group Housing Enclave known as "PLATINUM CITY",(The undivided share in land related to the subject flat/apartment is detremined only after taking in to consideration of the land covered beneath the concerned "A" block of the building where the residential flat/apartment is situated and the set back area allowed to the block including podium) with covered Hollow Block Walls, Mosaic/Vitrified Flooring, Plywood Doors and Aluminum Windows , is situated at Peenya Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore	Rs. 1,60,14, 428.83/- (as on March 29, 2023)	Rs. 86,85,000/- / Rs. 8,68,500/-	April 20, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	April 29, 2023 from 03:30 PM to 04:30 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link- www.disposalhub.com).** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **April 28, 2023** before **04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068** on or before **April 28, 2023,** before **05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **April 28, 2023** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **April 28, 2023** before **05:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **9844542086/8008999536/7304918084.**
Please note that Marketing agencies **1. M/s Matex Net Pvt. Ltd. 2. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date : April 01, 2023
Place : Bengaluru
Authorized Officer
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is" and "As is what is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr/ Lot No.	NAME & ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S /GUARANTOR/ S/ MORTGAGOR (S)	Short Description of the Immovable Property with known Encumbrances, if any	A. Branch Name B. Account Number C. Total Dues	Date & Time of E-auction	A. Reserve Price B. EMD Amount C. Bid Increase Amount. D. Last Date of Receipt of EMD E. Status of Possession	Property Inspection Date (with Prior Permission from Authorised Officer)
1)	**1. M/s Gilgal Steel Trading Corporation India, Rep by its Proprietor – Mr. Ramachandran T S/o Krishnan (Borrower)** R/o No.86, N V Garden, Jayanthi Nagar Main Road, Behind Vibgyor School Horamavu Post, Bengaluru-560043. **Also at** #59, 'Gilgal', 4th Cross, Balaji Street, Behind Lakshmi Theatre Rama Murthy Nagar, Bengaluru -560016. **2. Mrs. M Janaki (Guarantor)** R/o No.19, Krishna Reddy Layout, Arekere, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru- 560076.	All that piece and parcel of land and building bearing plot no.19, old khatha no.662/5/81/1b, formed in survey no. 85/1, Arkere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently coming under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Krishna Reddy Layout, bearing BBMP Khatha No.1325/85/1, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet totally measuring 1200 square feet having the following boundaries:: East by: Property no.18; West by: Portion of plot No. 19; North by: Road; South by: Plot No.12. **Known encumbrances if any: Nil**	A. Branch : ROSARB BENGALURU North B. Cust ID: IL1V09572 C. Rs. 22929001.00 as on 11.03.2023 plus Further interest and other charges.	27.04.2023 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	A. Rs. 1,26,50,000.00 B. EMD: Rs. 12,65,000.00 C. Bid Increase amount Rs. 50,000.00 D. 26.04.2023 E. Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from Authorized Officer
2)	**M/s Ocean Pack** # 49/3 , Sunkadaktte Srignadkaval, Bangalore-560091, **Prop: Mr.Abdul Majid Mavad S/o M S Ahmed** # 67/1,2nd stage , West of chord road, Mahalakshmipuram , Bangalore- 560086. # 22, 2nd main 4th cross , Muneshwara layout Bengaluru- 560032. # 49/3,Ground floor, Srigandadakaval,Ashwathnagar, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore-560091. **Mr. Adnan Maved (Guarantor),** No 582, Kalikanagar, Andrahalli,Viswaneedam post, Bangalore—560091.	All the piece and parcel of Vacant site no 14&15,Katha no 12/1/14/15,Asst no 12/1,B B M P,Ward no 40,Andrahalli Village,Yeshwanthpur Hobli.Bangalore.Extent of site:2405 sqft.Bounded on: East by :private property,west by 20ft Road,North by Govt Kaluve,South by Now Road. **Known encumbrances if any: Nil**	A. ROSARB,North Bangalore B. Cust ID: AK1V24429 C. Rs. 51882642.00 as on 11.03.2023 plus Further interest and other charges.	27.04.2023 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	A. Rs. 68,50,000.00 B. EMD: Rs. 6,85,000.00 C. Bid Increase amount Rs. 25000.00 D. 26.04.2023 E. Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from Authorized Officer
3)	**1) M/s Star Products, Rep by its Proprietor – Mr. Adnan Maved s/o M S Ahmed.** No 582,Kalikanagar, Andhrahalli, Near Eshwar Temple, Viswaneedam Post,Bangalore-560091. **Also at** # 27/28,6th cross, Andhrahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560091. **2. Mr. Abdul Majid Mavad (Guarantor),** No.15,1st phase, 2nd main, West of chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru – 560010.	All the piece and parcel vacant site no 16&17,katha no 12/1/16/17,Assessment no 12/1,BBMP,Ward 40, Andrahalli village, Yeshvanthapur Hobli, Bangalore-560091. Extent of site 2600 sqft. Bounded on item no1:East by 20 ft Road,West by site no 18&19,north by Raju kaluve,south by site no 17. Item no 2: east by 20 ft road, west By site no18&19,north by Site no 16, south by Road. **Known encumbrances if any: Nil.**	A: ROSARB,North,Bangalore B.Cust ID: AK1V24030 C: 21441667.00 as on 11.03.2023 plus Further interest and other charges.	27.04.2023 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	A. Rs. 7388000.00 B. EMD: Rs. 738800.00 C. Bid Increase amount Rs. 25000.00 D. 26.04.2023 E. Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from Authorized Officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and https://ibapi.in. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-25584066/ 368 Mobile: 9844142456 & 9603504553

Date: 28/03/2023, Place: Bangalore
Name: Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

If you don't know the guy on the other side of the world, love him anyway because he's just like you. He has the same dreams, the same hopes and fears. It's one world, pal

Frank Sinatra

INDIAN ECONOMY IN 'BRIGHT SPOT' AMID TOUGH TASKS

OPINION

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THE reports from almost all the international financial institutions (such as IMF and World Bank) suggest India is a 'bright spot' in the troubled global economy. With a GDP growth of 7 per cent in 2022-23 and a prediction of over 6 per cent growth in 2023-24, India will continue to be labelled as a fast-growing large economy globally. With the inflation being just a tad higher than the targeted level of 6 per cent and relative stability on the external account and in the financial markets, India's recovery post-Covid appears to be complete and sustainable with no side effects of stimulus policies adopted during the Covid pandemic. To understand this, one must look at the advanced economies' experiences and what happened in India during the post-2008 crisis.

Further, one must understand what India did differently now compared to the post-2008 crisis and what advanced countries have done during Covid.

As some of us argued, India's response to Covid and post-Covid recovery was never to be inflationary as most of the measures were taken on the supply side. However, there were a few demand-side measures as well. During the post-2008 crisis, it was largely demand-side measures, and with supply response not being adequate, India has experienced double-digit inflation for over two calendar years. The inflation that India has experienced recently and subsequent interest rate hikes are not entirely due to domestic policies. Instead, it is due to open-economic macro issues such as exchange rate depreciation, an increase in world oil and other commodity prices, and sharp hikes in US interest rates.

In contrast to India's response, the advanced economies continued to follow textbookish policy response to Covid wherein large interventions are on the demand side, leading to very high inflation that these economies have never experienced in the last four decades.

In contrast, India had a pragmatic policy with the lessons learnt from the 2008 crisis behind us. The outcomes of textbookish policies adopted in advanced countries such as the USA are quite scary, with the probability of mild recession or deep slowdown appearing to be strong and some countries even facing stagflationary conditions.

Regarding financial stability, recent developments in the US and Eurozone banking industry suggest that instability between real GDP growth and inflation appears to affect the balance sheets of the banking and financial sector. And these developments are still playing out, though they may not and should not become a contagion. The effects of these developments in the global banking sector on India were found to be extremely minimum despite the very strong linkages that domestic markets have with US and Euro markets. This suggests the strength of the resilience of the Indian economy from both domestic as well as external shocks. One former CEA said very recently, 'to avoid economic meltdown, the US should follow India's COVID economic model'. Similar statements were made during the 2008 crisis as well. But one needs to be vigilant.

Can India grow at 6 to 6.5 per cent in the current year, as predicted by the Government? This question has been raised especially in the context of recent global developments that forced the RBI to keep hiking interest rates. Till now, RBI hiked interest rates by 250 basis points. And there are concerns that further hikes could hamper growth much more than bringing down inflation. In our view, RBI may try to target an inflation rate between 5 to 6 per cent and that should address growth concerns.

One risk that is building up in India is the risk of slowing agricultural growth. As some of us raised concerns as early as February this year, agricultural growth could be subdued for some reasons. First, the El Nino effect, the probability of which is increasing day by day with heat waves across the country, could hamper the sowing this year. Some governments have already cautioned farmers to delay sowing.

Second, with three straight years of good agricultural production, it is also natural to experience a decline in marginal output. And more than this, it is possible to see a decline in all three factors of production. Due to the complete reopening of contact-intensive sectors, the labour force is expected to migrate from urban to rural areas. The area under cultivation that increased sharply in the post-Covid period may decline. And with the demand for credit reviving across the non-food sectors, its availability will be limited. Hence, with land, labour, and capital expected to decline, it is only natural that output may fall. This could have some risks on food inflation in the coming quarters.

Another concern is exports, which are largely a function of external demand.

As external demand could be subdued due to slowing economies, the risk of slowing export growth appears real. But what is riskier is the slowing of imports growth. Some have already started cheering about the narrowing current account deficit. But, for a growing economy like ours, narrowing CAD sharply is not always credit-positive. Rather, it could be an early warning for subdued demand conditions in the economy in the coming quarters. While the economy appears to be going strong, the domestic policy needs to focus on emerging risks and challenges.

(Views are personal)

WEAK DIPLOMATS SABOTAGING VISHWA GURU PUSH

POWER & POLITICS

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FOR India's popular peregrinator Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the world is his oyster, and the External Affairs Ministry is the sous chef. But of late, his foes are cooking up a storm on Western streets. Khalistani provocateurs are targeting India's global clout powered by Modi, the darling of world leaders, as attested by mammoth diaspora crowds to greet him at every airport, town hall and public rally. As the PM prepares for his third political battle at home, he is expected to travel abroad to consolidate his influence. Japan, Papua New Guinea and Australia in May are on the bucket list. On May 20, he lands in Hiroshima for the G7 summit—his fifth, to be followed by Quad from May 23 to 24 in Sydney. On the heels of his Down Under tour is the official bilateral visit to America in June, just before President Biden enters election mode. Since Modi won't be able to travel abroad after the G20 deliberations in India end, his team plans to use his diplomatic air miles to reaffirm his identity overseas. Besides the usual official huddles, dinners and lunches, his team is exploring the possibility of organising massive public rallies like in the past. As of March 2023, Modi has made 69 foreign visits covering all the Earth's continents. He has flown over half a million miles to around 80 countries. He has visited America seven times, Japan six, China five, Russia four and the UK thrice in nine years. The advance parties of officials and BJP leaders have already landed in these countries even as the MEA and the PMO carefully draw up his schedule. Spoiling the party are warnings of separatist disruptions to a projected vishwa guru's vishwa yatra.

Khalistani vandals have thrown a spanner in the works of Indian intelligence capabilities. Violent demonstrations in front of Indian missions and Hindu temples in various Australian cities have blotted their copy book while the local government is unable to punish separatists on its soil who desecrated Indian shrines. Khalistan supporters in the US tried to set the Indian consulate in San Francisco on fire; they've threatened to organise more protest rallies across the USA. In Canada, Indian diplomats, including the High Commissioner, can't move around freely, fearing harm to their person. Intelligence reports say Khalistanis will hold huge protests during Modi's visit to Australia and the USA. Undeterred, the establishment has decided to mobilise the Sangh Parivar and other nationalist elements abroad, including Sikhs, by organising massive welcome gatherings for the prime minister. The PMO and the Home Ministry are baffled by the sudden spurt in anti India activities. Their primary concern is the failure of the agencies and the local missions to anticipate anarchy, take preventive measures and alert the Centre to mount pressure on the hosts. The conduct of Indian High Commissioners in Australia, Britain and Australia in curating a pro-India local environment is under scrutiny. Though Modi is unlikely to visit Britain before the 2024 elections, the PMO and HMO are fuming over secessionists pulling down the tricolour from the High Commission building in London. It is perhaps the first time Indian flags have been pulled down by a hostile crowd anywhere in the world. Local leaders of Indian origin in the UK feel that outreach initiatives by the High Commission to connect Sikhs and Hindus are below par. The current envoy Vikram Doraiswami is known more for his social skills among London's elite than for promoting bonding with Indian communities. An expert in Mandarin, he has been enjoying plum postings irrespective of the party in power: 15 assignments in 30 years. His last stint was a short spell as Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh when relations between the two nations were uncomfortable; prime minister Sheikh Hasina left him hanging for months before granting an audience. Indians settled in Australia have similar grievances against their diplomats. According to leading Indians who regularly interact with the mission, High Commissioner Manpreet Vohra, who took charge in April 2021, doesn't have the necessary experience to deal with ethnic conflicts and local civil society groups. In 25 years in service, he hasn't been posted in any country with a large concentration of Sikhs and PIOs. Hence it was left to Prime Minister Modi to deal with the Australian PM directly. The PMO is hopping mad at the arson attempt in LA. America has been for long the safe abode of Khalistan extremists. But the style and ferocity of their protests have led the government to review the role of Indian diplomats. Our ambassador to Washington, Taranjit Sandhu (who is on extension), is an old America hand, having spent around 11 years in the US before becoming the envoy in January 2020. Even he has failed to counter and neutralise Khalistani sentiments by leveraging his influence on Modi's rich and successful Indian admirers; the PM has always received rousing welcomes on all his American visits.

It is not enough for a leader and his country to be adored at home to become a global Goliath. The quality of diplomats a government deploys determines the quantity of its success overseas. Currently, there are about 900 IFS officers posted in 193 Indian missions and South Block. Many heads of sensitive missions have been picked up more for their loyalty than for the quality of their diplomatic skills. Barring Natwar Singh who lost his job for a bit of undiplomatic adventurism, MEA has always had an experienced politician at the helm who understood the politics of diplomacy. Modi handpicked a retired IFS officer lacking political credentials as India's External Affairs Minister. Unfortunately, S Jaishankar comes across as an arrogant diplomatic genius specialising in undiplomatic offensiveness. It is on his almost five year uninterrupted watch as India's diplomatic goalie when Indian diplomacy has scored the most self-goals and failed to check extremist effervescence. While Modi keeps India's standard flying abroad, Indian missions in sensitive nations are flying their individual flags of competence at half mast. Celebration and facilitation of the Modi Mantra cannot be the double engines of India's foreign policy unless diplomacy acquires the political vision and will to vanquish its domestic enemies abroad. If diplomacy is war by other means, as Clausewitz said, India is already at war with extremism in which the idea of New India, the prime minister and his legacy are the targets. The battle is just beginning. Indian missions must have a mission, not zero vision, with eyes closed.

THE MAN WHO KNOCKED ON THE DOOR OF GOD

A COUNTRY OF MANY GODS

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MARCH 30 this year initiates the centenary of Vaikom Satyagraha which had a long-lasting impact on Kerala's socio-political scenario. Many are responsible for the success of the temple entry movement, which envisioned a radical change in social, religious, political and cultural realms. The caste system, the foundation of Kerala's social structure before the 20th century, started shaking as soon as the century began. Educational augmentation of the distressed classes through secular establishments the colonial institutions instituted and the works of social, religious and political activists and reformers gave a new direction to progressive thinking. However, temples stood as the relics of the old system sustaining the caste system in the guise of retaining tradition. Unlike other structures, temples architecturally defined the caste system. Social activists like TK Madhavan understood the importance of breaking this last bastion of caste society in each village of Kerala.

TK Madhavan can be considered the main force behind the Temple Entry Movement. He gave a speech in the Sri Moolam Praja Sabha in 1904 when only 17 about the atrocities of untouchability. He was the first to raise the issue of temple entry in the public domain through the editorial of Deshabhimani in 1917. Through his efforts, the SNDP Yogam [a socio-religious movement initiated by Sri Narayana Guru], in its annual meeting held in May 1920, resolved that "All public temples belonging to the Government should be open to all Hindus regardless of Caste". He also successfully linked the issue of untouchability with that of the national movement for freedom and equality.

Madhavan met Mahatma Gandhi at Tirunelveli in 1921 and informed him about the disabilities of the Izhava community, sought his advice on the proposed temple entry movement and the support of the Congress party. Robin Jeffrey quotes about the interview details thus, "I would ask you," Gandhi began, "to drop temple entry now and begin with public wells. Then you may go to public schools." Madhavan quickly corrected him: "You seem to mistake our position in society for something analogous to that of the untouchables in British India. Except for half a dozen schools... all public schools in the state are open to us." Gandhi replied: "You are ripe for temple entry then." Gandhi added that the Kerala Provincial Congress Committee [KPCC] should take up the issue. Soon Madhavan returned to Gandhi with KP Kesava Menon, Secretary of the Travancore Congress Committee, at the Kakinada Congress Session in 1923. The session passed a resolution inaugurating a national campaign against untouchability. The KPCC chose K Kelappan, a Travancore-based Malabar Nair, as the convener of the Anti-Untouchability Committee. The timing of the resolution was crucial as Kerala could join the pan-Indian movement against caste atrocities and the quest for caste identity like the "Ad-Dharm movement in Punjab; the movement under Ambedkar in Maharashtra; the Nama-Sudra movement in Bengal; the Adi-Dravida movement in Tamil Nadu; the Adi-Andhra movement in Andhra; the Adi-Karnataka movement; the Adi-Hindu movement centered around Kanpur. More than a caste-based agitation, the Temple Entry Movement shaped into a nationalist movement for civil rights. It was a strategically taken decision by leaders like TK Madhavan, who explained, "I think it is a common perception that the Temple Entry Right and the movement is solely for the right of avarnas to enter the temple and worship God. Indeed, earning would be part of the Temple Entry Right, but that is not the prime and only goal of the Temple Entry Right or the movement. Temple Entry Right is the ethical right with religious and political facets".

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The Indian National Congress, leading the freedom movement, had to address the issue of untouchability seriously as the lower castes' support was tilting towards the 'good' governance of the British in areas like Anjengo and Malabar. The lower castes did not find the racial discrimination of the British any different from the prevalent caste segregation. Congress took this opportunity to gather the support of the lower castes in Kerala and bring them into the nationalist movement, which till then was considered an upper-caste struggle for power. "The rebellion against the ideology of old Kerala society gained legitimacy from the adoption by the Indian National Congress of MK Gandhi's programs of social reform", observes Robin Jeffrey.

The Vaikom Satyagraha movement of 1924-25 started on March 30, 1924 with active support nationwide. The Akalis offered langar for the Satyagrahis. The Malayali diaspora living in Malaya and Singapore offered monetary support. The Savarnas, too, joined the struggle by organising savarnajathas [rallies] and boycotting temples. National leaders, radical thinkers and social reformers like Mahatma Gandhi, E V Ramasvami Naikar [Periyar] and Sri Narayana Guru came to Vaikom to support the Satyagraha. The Vaikom Satyagraha also triggered similar satyagrahas in Malabar and Kochi regions, in Guruvayur and Paliyam.

The success of the movement came after a decade when the Maharaja of Travancore ordered the opening of the temples under the public administration for all Hindus, regardless of caste, through the historic Temple Entry Proclamation in 1936, six years after the passing away of TK Madhavan, the visionary of social equity and the man who knocked on the doors of God.

QUOTE CORNER

Like many supporters of Israel I'm concerned that they get this straight. And I've sort of made that clear. Hopefully the PM will act in a way that he can try to work out some genuine compromise, but that remains to be seen.

Joe Biden, President of the United States

AI systems are becoming human-competitive... and we must ask: Should we develop minds that might outsmart, and replace us? Powerful AI systems should come up only once we are confident that their effects will be positive and their risks will be manageable

Open letter by world's top technologists and AI researchers

We know that we are stronger when we stand together in solidarity with fellow democracies. Taiwan cannot be isolated and we do not take friendship for granted

Tsai Ing-wen, President of Taiwan

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PM degree

Gujarat HC did the right thing in quashing the order of the CIC to provide educational details of Prime Minister to Delhi CM (Apr 1). Modi proved his worth to the nation by ably administering Gujarat as CM for more than 12 years and now as the country's PM for almost 9 years with a commanding majority in the 2nd term. There is absolutely no logic or justification in asking for the PM's educational details by anyone at this stage.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Money might

It is frustrating that freebies/cash for votes culture getting rampant in Karnataka is placing a question mark over free and fair elections there (Editorial 'Money muscles its way....', Mar 31). The other day D K Shivakumar, Congress president, was caught on video showering currency notes on some people while campaigning in Mandya. That could be money given for genuine cause, but only a lavish black money holder can afford to be so brazen! The EC has to step up its vigil and deal with the offenders mercilessly and impartially.

Geetha B K, Mangaluru

Costly snacks

This refers to the petition of A. S. Shanmugam, in the Madras High Court, alleging malpractices by TNCA in selling drinking water and snacks at an exhorbitant price during the matches at Chepauk. Though the TNCA clarify that there is provision for drinking water, we are not sure whether it is clean and healthy. So is the case with the supply of snacks and food. Ironically, the High Court, instead of giving a clear verdict, has adjourned the hearing by two weeks, by which time at least another two or three matches could have been played at the ground.

N Mahadevan, Chennai

Dahi row

TNIE today has highlighted the objections of TN government to affix the label 'Dahi' on curd packets in TN. While TN at the highest levels accepts that the North Indian workers are welcome to work here, is it not a courtesy to fix a Hindi label on curd packets sold here, which these workers can read? I remember another incident when in their zeal to protect the native tongue, names of towns such as Maraimalai Nagar written on milestones in Hindi were covered using black paint! This small gesture of a town's name written using Hindi script can help a North Indian driver (driving thousands of miles) to deliver goods to us living here.

S Srihari, Chennai

Lokayukta case

The verdict on the case filed in 2018 has come (Lokayukta split, CMDRF case goes to full bench, TNIE April 1). There was no consensus on whether the Lokayukta was competent to investigate the decisions of the state cabinet. In such a situation one fails to understand why the precious time and energy are to be wasted by constituting a full bench. Although the verdict of Lokayukta is legally binding on the government as per the act of 1999, the proposed ordinance would do away with it. So, any decision of Lokayukta wouldn't have any value. It is high time such teethless bodies are dissolved to save public money.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Kejriwal intention

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has been moving heaven and earth to make it known to the people that Prime Minister Narendra Modi does not have good educational qualification. The intention of Kejriwal on the educational qualification of Modi is prima facie mala fide. People are least interested in the educational qualification of Modi. But Kejriwal is sparing no efforts to dent the image of Modi in the eyes of people. What is the use of academic qualification if a tainted person is shielded by a Chief Minister? The case in point is Manish Sisodia.

K V Seetharamaiah, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The fire in Kanpur textile market is another blow to the traders who are already facing the brunt of demonetisation, GST raids and recession.

Sanjay Singh @SanjayAzadSln
Degree of DU which is being shown of Modiji and "script" in which Master is written on certificate came in 1992 whereas Modi ji's degree is said to be of 1983

Mansukh Mandaviya @mansukhmandviya
Made in India pharma products are saving precious lives globally! The exports of pharma products increased by 2.37 times in April-February 2022-23

Cong to continue dialogue for Oppn unity, says Gogoi

Party president Kharge, Sonia, Rahul may make efforts to forge unity

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

IN consonance with the consensus arrived at a 'dinner diplomacy' meeting called by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge last week, top Congress leadership will initiate dialogues with leaders of Opposition parties to strengthen the unity among anti-BJP forces ahead of the 2024 elections, said **Gaurav Gogoi**, Congress' Deputy leader in Lok Sabha.

Leaders of 19 parties, including TMC, AAP and BRS who attended the meeting at Kharge's residence, had called upon the Congress leadership to take the lead in broadening the unity achieved in the Budget session of Parliament, and to chalk out the future course of action. Speaking to this newspaper, Gogoi said it was imperative that the Opposition parties come together as Rahul Gandhi's disqualification and eviction notice demonstrate that democracy is at stake.

"The recent discussions that have taken place inside Parliament and the dinner meeting at Kharge's residence have shown that the initial steps have been taken. The next step is to take the momentum we have built inside Parliament. This is an idea that has been articulated in the past also by UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi. And we also have veteran Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, who in the past has worked or has shared the same political platform with the leaders of other parties. So, it is the logical next step in terms of dialogue with all leaders belonging to different political parties," Gogoi said.

Though it's unclear who will spearhead the Congress camp to coordinate with other opposition leaders, Gogoi said Kharge, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi may take part in the efforts. "It is too early to talk about the roles. Party president Kharge will have an important role. As UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi enjoys a personal relationship with many political leaders, she will also have an important role. Cutting across political lines, every political leader has admired Rahul Gandhi's perseverance during these turbulent times and the superhuman effort he undertook during Bharat Jodo yatra."

When pointed out JDU leader and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's ambivalent stance on Rahul's disqualification and Shiv Sena (UBT)'s displeasure over Rahul's 'Savarkar' comments, Gogoi said, "The path to Opposition unity entails many steps. The ongoing dialogues show the common goal of defending democracy and constitutional values will be a much stronger unifying factor than our differences."

Gogoi dismissed media reports that said Rahul's disqualification evoked a lukewarm response in Wayanad. "The party is in the process of sending a letter to that publication for its malicious reporting. Not only in Wayanad, across the country, but people are also speaking up and realising that what is being done is unjust, dangerous...." said the leader.

Stay ready to meet new threats, PM tells armed forces

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday reviewed the security situation and operational readiness of the Armed Forces during the valedictory session of Combined Commanders' Conference 2023 in Bhopal. "The Prime Minister was briefed by Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan about the various discussions conducted during this year's conference," the Ministry of Defence in a statement said.

Modi complimented the Armed Forces for their role in nation building and providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) to friendly countries. The Prime Minister called upon the three Services to stay ready to deal with these new and emerging threats, emphasising that all steps are being taken to equip the armed forces with necessary weapons and technologies. The scope of the conference was expanded this year, wherein a few multi-layered and interactive sessions were conducted with participation of soldiers from every command of Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force, including the Tri-Services Andaman and Nicobar Command.

This year, inputs from the field units were sought on contemporary issues and the way forward for greater integration among the three services. These inputs were deliberated upon in detail by the military commanders. This three-day conference of combined apex-level military leadership commenced on March 30. The theme was 'Ready, Resurgent, Relevant'. During the conference, deliberations over a varied spectrum of issues were held, including on national security and evolving a Joint Military Vision for the future.

The conference also provided an opportunity for the Commanders to review the modernisation of the armed forces and the ongoing and concluded military operations, while also discussing ways to improve the country's defence capabilities.

MAHUA MOITRA

FEISTY POLITICIAN GIVES IT BACK AS GOOD AS SHE GETS

SHAHID FARIDI

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

That our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace", reads the motto of Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts, USA. Mahua Moitra, a Mathematics and Economics graduate from this elite women's college, has lived up to her alma mater's motto. The daughter of the Cachar district of Assam's Barak Valley has become a cornerstone of the opposition's oversight in the Indian Parliament.

Her maiden speech in the Lok Sabha on June 25, 2019, on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address, went viral; since then, there has been no stopping her. Four years into her first term, Mahua is considered one of Parliament's most powerful opposition voices. She speaks with force and clarity, packing her speeches with irrefutable facts and figures. Her audacious interventions have set her apart from most opposition leaders, who are often found looking over their shoulders when required to speak against the government.

Long before Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remarks in London on the state of Indian democracy, Mahua had outlined "seven signs of early fascism in India" in her 2019 speech. She has deftly used her party's time in Parliament to haul the government over the coals. She was also one of the first persons to draw the attention of authorities to the Adani affair in 2021. The Hindenburg report mentions Mahua's 2021 comments in the media in which she asked, "we want to know whose money it is..." referring to the investment received by the business house from offshore accounts.

In her no-holds-barred attack on Adani, Mahua is alleged to have broken ranks with her party – Trinamool Congress Party (TMC). In comparison to her fire and brimstone attack against Adani, the TMC's reaction to the Hindenburg report has been muted.Her outspokenness has often landed her in trouble, sometimes with her party too. The TMC had steered clear of her controversial remarks that she worships Goddess Kali as "a meat-eating and alcohol-accepting Goddess". As a controversy erupted over her comment, the TMC issued a statement saying that her views "are not endorsed by the party in any manner or form..."

But contrary to reports, her party chief, Mamata Banerjee, is not miffed with her. This is evident from her continuous rise through the ranks. She started her stint in TMC as an MLA. Then she was nominated as a candidate for Lok Sabha. Last month, she was made the party's national spokesperson. The fact that she is regularly fielded in Parliament to lead the party's charge against the government also disproves reports that all is not well between her and the TMC boss.

But that is not to say that everything is hunky dory. Mamata had publicly pulled up Mahua for factionalism in her parliamentary constituency and for continuing to take an interest in her assembly constituency, which was under the charge of another party leader. "You focus on your Lok Sabha constituency, leave Karimpur for Abu Taher, who is in charge," the TMC boss had told Mahua.

NEWSMAKER

Mahua is referred to in some sections as a convent-educated Mamata Banerjee for her temperament, style, and language. Her whiplash tongue and hot-headedness have kept her in the news. She was accused of maltreating a policewoman at Silchar airport, which she and her party had vehemently denied. Her use of unparliamentary words in Parliament brought her close to a privilege motion, and her current public spat with BJP MP Nishikant Dubey has become the hottest topic of discussion among Delhi's chatterati. Blaming Dubey for a smear campaign against her on social media, Mahua launched a fierce counter-attack against him. She sought his disqualification from Lok Sabha for allegedly giving misleading information about his educational qualifications in the affidavits to the returning officers for the Lok Sabha elections. She had, earlier, filed an FIR against singer-turned-MP of BJP, Babul Supriyo, who said in a TV debate, "Mahua, you are on Mahua", meaning you are high on booze. The firebrand MP's high-pitch public presence is an ongoing saga.

According to media reports, the only time she goes soft is in her handling of the Congress. Her alleged soft corner for the Congress has led to speculation of her homecoming. She had started her political career with the Congress after quitting as vice-president at J P Morgan and was considered close to Rahul Gandhi. But she quit the party abruptly in 2010 to join the TMC. Will she fight the next election from the Congress? Not likely.

EC: It is for Centre to decide on debarred MPs contesting polls

SHRUTI KAKKAR @New Delhi

RESPONDING to a plea seeking directions to debar MP/MLAs disqualified under the anti-defection law from re-contesting by-elections for five years, Election Commission of India (ECI) has informed Supreme Court that central government is the appropriate body to answer.

ECI in the plea filed by Congress MP Jaya Thakur that the issue involved in the case pertains to the interpretation of Article 191(1)(e) of the Constitution. It relates to matters that do not have a nexus with the conduct of elections in terms of the remit of the Commission under Article 324.

"Therefore, Respondent No. 1 is the appropriate party for the adjudication of the prayers made in the present Petition," the poll panel said. The plea had said that once a member of the House incurs disqualification under the 10th Schedule, he or she cannot be permitted to contest again during the term for which he was elected as Article 172 makes a membership of a House co-terminus with the term of five years of the House except in circumstances mentioned there in.

The poll body has also stated in the affidavit that ECI is a body established under Article 324 of the Constitution and is vested with the authority of superintendence, direction, and control of elections of elections for the conduct of elections to Parliament, State Legislature and offices of the President and Vice President. Thakur in her plea had argued that there is a concerted pan-India effort by political parties to render the Constitution's 10th Schedule as otiose and redundant.

It was also contended that the plea while dealing with the importance of party politics in a democracy also highlights the requirement for having the stability within the government to facilitate good governance. "The import of the provisions of Article 191(1)(e) of the Constitution and its consequential effect on an MP or MLA, who suffers disqualification under the 10th Schedule, would have to be considered by this court which had no occasion till now to do so," the plea had stated.

ECI established under Article 324

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RELIGIOUS BELIEF

Jamiat Ulama opposes same sex marriage in apex court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

TERMING 'same sex marriages' as a free-floating system, Jamiat Ulama I Hind has told the Supreme Court that this concept cannot be introduced in India. Opposing a batch of pleas that seek legal recognition same sex marriage, Jamiat said as a legal institution marriage between the opposite sexes has been central to the legal regime of India.

The Jamiat application also stated Islam's prohibition of homosexuality has been categorical from the dawn of the religion of Islam itself. Underlining the Islamic belief that marriage is a socio-religious institution between a biological man and a biological woman, the body has stated that any different interpretation given to the marriage will lead to the persons claiming to be married under this category as "non- adherents".

"Concept of same sex marriage goes to attack the family system rather that making a family through this process. It is complete contravention of the established understanding of the concept of marriage in all personal laws, i.e., between a biological man and a biological woman and thus intends rake up the very core, i.e. the structure of a family unit in prevailing in the personal laws system," the application stated.

Row erupts as Forest Amendment Bill sent to select committee

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

THE Centre's recent move to refer the Forest Conservation Amendment Bill, 2023 to a Select Committee of Parliament instead of the Standing Committee has led to a row.

The Bill, which was introduced by Forest & Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav on March 29 in the Lok Sabha, was sent to a Select Committee, which has sparked strong protests from Congress MPs who pointed out that the government bypassed rules as the Bill should have been sent to the Standing committee on science, technology, environment and forest, headed by Congress MP and former Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh.

A war of words broke out between Yadav and Ramesh as the former argued that Congress governments had also sent Bills to Select Committees since the 1950s.

"It's a laughable argument as Standing Committees came into existence only on March 31, 1993," said Ramesh while addressing the media on the occasion of 50th anniversary of 'Project Tiger' on Saturday.

"The Bill to amend the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 was not referred to the Standing Committee as I am the chairman," he said.

Ramesh had earlier written to Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankar seeking his intervention in the matter, saying the Bill falls 'fairly and squarely' in the domain of the Standing Committee.

Several activists and civil rights groups have raised concerns over the proposed amendments to the Forest Bill, saying it will dilute provisions of forest rights.

Ramesh said that the government-appointed chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes too had flagged the issue last year.

"Most of the times, rights of the tribals are being ignored, like in the case of Adani Power Project in Godda, Jharkhand, against which tribals are protesting as their rights were not fulfilled as per the law," said Ramesh.

As per the Forest Rights Act, the rights of the tribals living in forest areas have to be fulfilled first before starting a project in such places, he pointed out.

Indian defence exports shoot up to ₹16K crore

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

INDIA'S exports in arms and defence equipment have touched a new high with a rise of more than ₹3,000 crore post last financial year. Terming it as a "remarkable" achievement Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday tweeted, "India's defence exports have reached an all-time high of ₹15, 920 crore in FY 2022-2023." As per the export data, the export has risen over 10 times since 2016-17. India's defence exports in the FY 2021-22 were ₹12, 814 crore. The figures for FY 2017-18 were ₹4, 682 cr and it rose to ₹10, 745 cr in 2018-19. The exports in the year 2019-20 and 2021-22 were ₹9,115 and ₹8,434 respectively.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi applauded the rise in defence exports. He tweeted in reply to the announcement by Rajnath Singh. "Excellent! A clear manifestation of India's talent and enthusiasm towards 'Make in India.' It also shows the reforms in this sector over the last few years are delivering good results. Our government will keep supporting efforts to make India a defence production hub," Modi Tweeted. The Ministry of Defence in a statement said, "India is now exporting defence goods to over 85 countries. Indian industry has shown its capability to design and develop defence equipment with 100 firms exporting defence products currently."

Enumerating the systems, equipment, missiles and ammunitions being exported, the MoD listed major platforms such as Dornier-228, 155 mm Advanced Towed Artillery Guns (ATAGs), Brahmos Missiles, Akash Missile System, radars, simulators, mine-protected vehicles, armoured vehicles, PINAKA Rockets & Launchers, ammunitions, thermal imagers, body Armours, besides replaceable parts and components of avionics and small arms.

To give a push to defence exports, the government has taken many policy initiatives and brought reforms over the last five years. "Export procedures have been simplified and made industry-friendly with end-to-end online export authorisation curtailing delays and bringing ease of doing business," MoD said.

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KEY PLATFORMS
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since 2016-17.

AI to help improve services of 90 Indian Railway departments

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

ARTIFICIAL Intelligence is making stride in every sphere of life. The Indian Railways, not be to be left behind, has shortlisted 90 sectors which will use AI to improve the functioning of various departments across the entire network. They include passenger business, freight, track, infrastructure, signaling, overhead equipment, locomotives, carriage and material management, finance, human resources and security.

The use of AI is will also enhance performance and ensure reduction in human errors, increase digital assistance and making railway services more swift and safe with a higher degree of comfort. The Railways feel that the AI is will help in detecting failures in the system, improve communication and coordination between operational wings and monitoring crowd managements, especially during large gatherings.

At present, the railways is using AI-driven programmes for the berth allocation in over 200 trains in order to facilitate maximum number of passengers get their waitlist tickets automatically confirmed. Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw, has compiled ninety sectors concerning passengers and others, for the use of Artificial Intelligence. Currently, AI also supports efficiently in deciding the arrival and departure platforms, trains announcement, monitoring sanitation, security arrangements and redressal of passengers' grievances of onboard services or infrastructure.

"The Indian railway with the uses of AI in 90 more services will take the commercial and service satisfactions to an optimum level amongst the passengers and commercial big clients", said a senior railway official. Additionally, the railway is also working on wider usage of AI to implement fair transfer postings and monitoring of other subsidiary works swiftly in an impartial way.

Passenger, freight, signaling under AI

AI to improve the functioning of various departments across the entire network including passenger business, freight, track, infrastructure, signaling, overhead equipment, locomotives, carriage and material management, finance, human resources and security services.

BUS TORCHED

Naxalites on Saturday torched a bus in Chhattisgah's Dantewada district after asking the passengers to alight, police said. The incident occurred in the morning between Malewahi and Bodli police camps.

2 KILLED IN BIKE-TRUCK COLLISION IN UP'S MAHOBA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	21	Mumbai	31	23
Bhopal	34	18	Panaji	30	22
Jaipur	30	17	Patna	34	20
Amritsar	26	13	Lucknow	32	18
Chennai	32	28	Port Blair	33	24
Kolkata	33	24	Imphal	28	14
Srinagar	16	04	Chandigarh	27	13

People have taken 'supari' to malign my image: Modi

Flags off country's 11th Vande Bharat from Bhopal, takes swipe at Congress in Madhya Pradesh where assembly elections are due

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi flagged off India's 11th and Madhya Pradesh's first Vande Bharat Express train from Bhopal's Rani Kamlapati station (country's first world-class railway station) on Saturday. The historic event for poll-bound Madhya Pradesh came 16 months after PM Modi, had on November 15, 2021, unveiled Rani Kamlapati railway station (formerly named Habibganj) as the country's first world-class railway station. In six months, this was the PM's fourth visit to MP, where assembly polls are due by this year-end.

The Rani Kamlapati-Hazrat Nizamuddin Vande Bharat Express train, which will render semi-high-speed connectivity between the MP capital and the national capital in seven-and-a-half hours, on its inaugural run, had 300 school students on board. The PM had a short interaction with those children, before flagging off the train in presence of Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, MP governor Mangubhai C Patel and CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

PM Narendra Modi with Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan| PTI

Vande Bharat's 11th edition (between Rani Kamlapati-Hazrat Nizamuddin)

- 11th Vande Bharat Exp in the country and first such service in MP.
- Train will travel to and fro between Rani Kamlapati and Hazrat Nizamuddin railway stations (708 km) in 7.30 hours.
- Totally based on indigenous technology
- Comprises 16 chair car coaches with 180 degrees rotating recliner seats for 1100 passengers, besides automatic doors.
- It also has Wi-Fi connectivity, CCTV cameras and special emergency measures.
- It's totally differently-abled friendly with features like seat numbers written in Braille script, special toilets and touch screen facilities.
- Will render semi-high speed connectivity between MP capital and the national capital

Taking an 'April Fool' dig at the opposition Congress, the PM said, "When the inaugural run of this train was fixed for April 1, our Congress friends thought Modi would make everyone April Fool, but the train has actually started the same date. This train symbolizes developing India's growing skills, capability and confidence."

Modi lashed out at the Congress and opposition, saying, "Amid all this development story, I want to draw your attention to another important issue. Some people in our country since 2014 have taken a vow to malign Modi's image. For it, they've given supari to all kinds of people and aiding them are people operating from within and outside the country."

"But much to their disappointment in today's India, the entire poor, middle-class, tribals, Dalits and backward sections have turned out to be Modi's suraksha kavach (security shield). Owing to this they (opposition) have started behaving madly and even taken a vow to dig Modi's grave. But amid all these conspiracies, every citizen of the country will have to focus on the country's development and nation building."

Taking further dig at the previous Congress and non-BJP government at the centre, Modi said "previous governments treated just one family (Nehru-Gandhi family) as the country's first family, leaving behind country's ordinary families, including the poor and middle class to fend on their own. Its living example is the Indian Railways, which has been an ordinary Indian family's preferred mode of transport."

"Had the previous government wanted, they could have very well modernized the existing rail network after independence. But narrow political interest, focus on populist promises and appeasement and vote bank politics, resulted in sacrificing railways' development. Such was the situation that even decades after independence, our northeastern states remained largely cut off from railway connectivity."

"In the last nine years since our government came to power, we've focused on how to transform Indian Railways into the world's best rail network. In this year's annual budget, we've allocated record money for railways, contrary to the past when railways development was seen as a loss- making exercise. The budget for railways has continuously been increased over the last 9 years. In this year's budget, ₹13,000 crore have been allocated for railways related projects in MP alone, compared to just ₹600 crore before 2014."

"The best example of how railway continues to be modernized is the steady manner in which rail route electrification work is underway. MP is among the 11 states, where cent percent rail electrification has been achieved. Prior to 2014, the average 600 km route was being electrified annually, but it has now jumped to 6000 km every year," PM maintained.

SRINAGAR DIARY

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1.58 lakh people visit Tulip Garden in 12 days

About 1.58 lakh visitors have visited Asia's largest Tulip garden in Srinagar since it was thrown open to the public 12 days back. The Tulip garden was thrown open to the public on March 20 and since then the garden, which is spread over 30 hectares of land, has been attracting visitors in hordes. This year the garden has 16 lakh tulips of 68 varieties including four new varieties. Last year, a record 3.60 lakh tourists visited the garden. The Daffodil Park in the central lawn of the garden has been developed and the illuminated garden has added charm.

NIT becomes Kashmir's first certified ERC

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has declared National Institute Technology (NIT) Srinagar as the first certified Eat Right Campus (ERC) in engineering category in Kashmir. In a communique, State Nodal Officer, Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) J&K Firdous Ahmad informed that NIT Srinagar has become 1st certified Eat Right Campus (ERC) in Engineering Category in Kashmir for the period of 2 years and has achieved all compliance of rules as set by FSSAI. On the basis of the final score, the institute is certified as 'Eat Right Campus' with a five-star.

Traffic cops to use speed radar guns

In order to curb high-speed driving and stunt biking, traffic police Srinagar would be using Speed Radar Guns to detect the speed of vehicles and bikes. The cops have received few Speed Radar Guns and officials said it would be used to crack down on high-speed stunt biking and over speeding vehicles. Few days ago, a biker was killed and another biker was injured during a high speed stunt in the Boulevard area of Srinagar. The locals have been continuously urging the traffic police department to take concrete steps to curb high speed these stunts. According to traffic officials, use of these guns is part of an effort to promote safe driving habits.

WELL COLLAPSE

Cong slams BJP govt for Indore temple tragedy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

OPPOSITION Congress is in attacking mode over the recent Indore temple's step-well roof collapse, which killed 36 devotees and injured 17 others on Ram Navami on Thursday. A Congress delegation-led by state party chief Kamal Nath met with the injured at the hospital and bereaved family members in Indore on Saturday.

Videos of Nath's meeting with the bereaved families showed local residents and bereaved family members, blaming encroachments on the Sneh Nagar park-garden for the RamNavami tragedy.

"Those who survived the tragedy exposed to me the real state of rescue and search operations. Why did it take 12 hours to press an Army team into a rescue/search operation, when the Mhow cantonment town is just 25 km away? We're setting a deadline of seven days for the local civic body to remove the encroachments, failing which we'll move the court with a PIL," Nath said. Meanwhile, Congress activists protested outside Indore's BJP MP Shankar Lalwani's office on Saturday, accusing him of protecting those behind encroaching park land and covering the step-well at tin-shed temple.

Shah cancels Bihar visit, state BJP leaders accuse Nitish of discrimination

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Sasaram in Bihar on Sunday has been cancelled following the "communal violence" during Ram Navami celebrations there, even as the BJP accused the Bihar government of deliberately allowing the situation to deteriorate with an intention to derail Shah's programme.

Newly appointed state BJP president Samrat Choudhary in a press conference said Shah's visit to Sasaram had been cancelled in view of promulgation of Section 144 in the area.

While accusing the state government of discriminating against BJP's functions, Choudhary said: "It is very unfortunate that arrangements were not made to maintain peace in Sasaram despite the Union Home Minister's proposed visit there. The Bihar government is not doing anything despite communal violence in Sasaram. Nitish Ji is unable to govern Bihar as several districts have reported violence." he added.

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>
> Samrat Choudhary, state BJP president

In Sasaram, Shah was scheduled to participate in birth anniversary celebrations of Samrat Ashoka and address a public meeting. He will, however, address a public meeting in Nawada, neighbouring Nalanda district which also witnessed communal violence during the Ramnavami procession.

It was supposed to be Shah's fourth visit to Bihar during the last six months. Former Bihar deputy chief minister and BJP MP Sushil Kumar Modi said that the atmosphere in Sasaram was deliberately disturbed so that Shah's programme could not be held there.

He alleged that preventive arrests of unsocial elements were not done as the state government could not avert attacks on Ramnavami's Shobha Yatra. Meanwhile, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar alleged that there was a well planned conspiracy behind communal violence that erupted in Biharsharif and Sasaram during Ramnavami celebrations. "It is somebody's conspiracy. These incidents earlier did not happen," he said.

CID to take over probe into Howrah Ram Navami violence

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Saturday was asked to take the charge of the probe into the violence in Shibpur, Howrah, during a Ram Navami procession on Thursday.

The CID is examining video footages collected from various sources thoroughly and interrogating 46 persons arrested in connection with the violence. Governor C V Ananda Bose ordered real-time monitoring of the situation by Raj Bhavan and constituted a special cell for the same. Raj Bhavan swung into action after Union Home minister on Friday called Bose and inquired about the situation.

The Governor on Saturday said the police should have played more active role to control the situation in Howrah. In a statement Raj Bhavan said those who resort to violence under the illusion that they can hoodwink the people will soon realise they are in a fool's paradise.

"The Governor and the Chief Minister had a confidential discussion to review the situation. The state government was directed to ensure that fool-proof arrangements are made to maintain law and order effectively and action taken against miscreants firmly. The chief minister assured that that strict and decisive action will be taken to prevent recurrence of such criminal intimidation," the statement said.

Several vehicles were torched during the clash in Howrah on Friday | EXPRESS

BJP MLA and leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari said the present Governor is yet to play the role like his two predecessors Gopal Krishna Gandhi and Jagdeep Dhankhar. Senior officers and sleuths from the special operation group of the CID visited several pockets in Shibpur where violence spread on Thursday evening.

"We will collect the documents related to police permission for the procession and examine whether the route allowed for the event was followed or violated," said a CID officer.

The CM accused the BJP of violating the route permitted by the police and said a conspiracy behind the violence was hatched a month ago. She also said a section of police officers did not acting properly and allowed the procession to proceed towards the trouble-torn area in Shibpur.

Adhikari refuted Mamata's allegation saying the procession did not violate any norm and followed the route permitted by the police.

5 lakh tribal families in Guj will lose right to food in absence of eco survey

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE Central government, under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), has decided to provide free ration to 81.35 crore poor people across the country for a year. However, the Gujarat government has ordered the cancellation of the NFSA ration card without conducting any economic survey. That will deprive over 5 lakh members of over 80,000 tribal families of their right to food.

The Gujarat government has argued that there are more ration cards than original residents in many areas, which has led it to start the process of canceling the ration cards of 83,556 families spread across 11 districts and more than 30 talukas. Most of the tribal families are concentrated in these areas," the opposition state Congress has claimed.

Vansda, a tribal-populated area, is the most affected by the government's decision. Vansda taluka Deputy Collector (Mamalatdar) MS Vasava said, "We are following the government instructions canceling the ration cards as per a circular that we recently received."

No food security for many tribals in Guj

Gujarat govt says there are more ration cards than original residents in many areas, which has prompted it to start the process of canceling the ration cards of 83,556 families spread across 10 districts and more than 30 talukas.

NO. OF RATION CARDS CANCELLED

Dahod	16,059	Tapi	5,947
Panchmahal	15,966	Sabarkantha	4,785
Valsad	13,509	Mahisagar	3,872
Dang	7,595	Chota Udaipur	2,239
Narmada	7,470	Bharuch	2,173

A ration card shopkeeper who does not want to be named said, "The government decision will affect tribal families – around 3,600 families in Vansda taluka alone. A ration card is issued by the government, and they have the authority to cancel it, but they are forcing shopkeepers like us," he says.

Vansada Congress MLA Anant Patel said, "Most people in tribal areas are very poor as they cannot earn their daily food by themselves. Without any circular, any kind of survey, they are forced to cancel ration cards by directly ordering the Mamlatdar. Ration cards of many old-age people, disabled men and women, and widows have been cancelled."

The MLA says ration cards of 217 families in Wangan village, where tribal families live, have been cancelled. "We will hold a rally and write a letter to the CM. If the government does not reverse its decision, we will protest across state," he said.

Police suspect Amritpal, aide got separated

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

POLICE suspect that pro-Khalistani preacher Amritpal Singh and his close aide Papalpreet Singh have got separated from each other in Hoshiarpur following a police chase. A fresh CCTV footage has surfaced on social media purportedly showing Papalpreet in a dera. At least seven deras or gurdwaras have been used by the duo for hiding. This footage is from the day when a team of the counter intelligence wing of the Punjab Police chased an Innova vehicle from Phagwara after it suspected that the fugitive and his aide could be travelling in it.

Sources said after their March 28 escape, Papalpreet and another person identified as Gurkirat Singh, spent the night in a tubewell room before walking to the dera near Pandori Bibi where their movement was captured by CCTV cameras. "Amritpal and Papalpreet got separated on March 28, when counter-intelligence sleuths were chasing them," said an official. He suspected that Amritpal recorded his second video at a dera which was released on Thursday.

Baghel announces jobless allowance, economic survey of rural population

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

CHHATTISGARH Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Saturday announced two major programmes — the state's first ever socio-economic survey for the rural population, and an allowance of ₹2,500 per month to unemployed youth in the state.

The Chhattisgarh government launched the survey — which is expected to help ensure that deserving beneficiaries access various welfare schemes — after the Centre apparently didn't give an encouraging response to CM Baghel who had urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to conduct the pending decennial census "in the larger interest of eligible beneficiaries for various welfare programmes". "I had requested the Prime Minister to conduct the census at the earliest since there were issues emerging in selection of the beneficiaries due to the lack of it after 2011. In these 12 years, new beneficiaries have come up. Many are being deprived of the benefits", the CM

The socio-economic survey will continue for one month till April 30. A team will conduct the door-to-door survey using the mobile application.

No encouragement from Centre: Baghel

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"With the start of the new financial year, the state government has undertaken a significant drive as 'Chhattisgarh socio-economic survey-2023', which will be in the public interest on ensuring the deserving beneficiaries access various welfare schemes. The survey will also assess and prepare the data studying the impact of various schemes on the living standard of the people.

Consequently, the plan will further help in framing new programmes and its better implementation for the people", said Baghel.

The CM also announced unemployment allowance. Unemployed youth will receive a monthly allowance of ₹2,500, the CM said and reiterated that Chhattisgarh has the lowest unemployment rate in the country.

The registration process for the unemployment allowance began from April 1. Giving the monthly allowance to the unemployed youth was one of the key pledges that the Congress party made ahead of the 2018 Assembly polls.

The Opposition BJP said the ruling party has played 'April Fool' with the sentiments of unemployed youths by announcing the scheme in an election year.

"With the eligibility conditions in the given scheme made so stringent, most of the youths will remain disqualified", alleged Narayan Chandel, leader of opposition.

The state government has also formulated a proposal to provide vocational and employment-oriented training to youth so that they do not remain unemployed for long.

EIGHT
arrested on Saturday in Karachi after a stampede killed 12 at a Ramadan food distribution point a day earlier

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	24	12	TDS	Los Angeles	19	11	LC
Colombo	31	25	LC	Melbourne	18	8	HR
Dhaka	31	23	TDS	Moscow	11	6	HR
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	11	3	LC
Houston	28	22	SNY	Singapore	29	26	TDS
Istanbul	17	11	LC	Toronto	2	1	LC
London	12	2	LC	Washington	14	4	LC

Japan lifts evacuation orders for Fukushima amid cherry blossom

At the ceremony, Prime Minister Kishida vowed to keep working to reopen all no-go zones

TOKYO

EVACUATION orders were lifted in small sections of a Japanese town just southwest of the wrecked Fukushima nuclear power plant on Saturday, in time for the area's popular cherry blossom season, and PM Fumio Kishida joined a ceremony to mark the reopening.

The area of about 4 square kilometres, where entry restrictions were lifted is part of Tomioka town, most of which had already been reopened since an earthquake and tsunami in March 2011 triggered triple meltdowns at Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

Former residents and visitors celebrated the latest reopening as they strolled along a street known as "the cherry blossoms tunnel."

Koichi Ono, 75, was back to the neighbourhood where he grew up and lived all his life until he was forced to evacuate. "After 12 years, I can finally return to my life here," he said.

At the ceremony, Kishida pledged to keep working to reopen all no-go zones. "The lifting of the evacuation is by no means a final goal, but the start of the recovery," Kishida said.

Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida views cherry blossoms in Tomioka town, Fukushima prefecture in Japan on Saturday | AP

The 2011 disaster caused massive amounts of radiation to leak from the plant, and more than 160,000 residents had to evacuate from across Fukushima, including about 30,000 who are still unable to return to their home.

Tomioka is one of 12 nearby towns fully or partially designated as no-go zones. The two sections in Tomioka that reopened for the first time in 12 years represent one-fifth of the worst-hit no-go zone and were selected by the government along with several other locations in the region for intensive decontamination.

But jobs, daily necessities and infrastructure remain insufficient, making it difficult for younger people to return, and families with small children worry about possible radiation effects.

"The living environment and many other things still need to be sorted out," Tomioka Mayor Ikuo Yamamoto said.

In the newly reopened Yonomori and Osuge districts of Tomioka, just over 50 of about 2,500 registered residents have reportedly returned or expressed intention to go back to live. Only about 10% of the town's pre-disaster population of 16,000 have returned since large areas of Tomioka reopened in 2017. *AP*

Survey shows people don't want to return

Town surveys show a majority of former residents say they have decided not to return because they have already found jobs and educations elsewhere. The evacuation order was lifted in several sections of another hard-hit town, Namie, northwest of the plant, on Friday.

INDIA-CHINA LAC STABLE, SAYS CHINESE DIPLOMAT

Kolkata: The earlier situation of "emergency control" at the India-China border is a matter of the past, and overall it is stable at present, a senior Chinese diplomat said here. Interacting with journalists on Friday evening, Minister Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in India, Chen Jianjun, said the two Asian giants continue to maintain communication via diplomatic and military channels, promoting the transition of the border situation to "normalised management and control.""The current border situation is overall stable," he said. Indian and Chinese soldiers clashed along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh on December 9, resulting in minor injuries to a few personnel from both sides. The clash near Yangtse in the sensitive sector took place amid the border standoff between the two sides in eastern Ladakh.The ties between India and China nosedived significantly following the fierce clash in Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two neighbours in decades. PTI

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

HEALTH BILL TO RECRUIT DOCTORS

Indonesian Health Ministry on Saturday said the Health Bill will help raise production of high-quality health workers by simplifying bureaucratic process for the induction for specialist doctors who have studied abroad. "For now, our main problem is the lack of specialist doctors and the long bureaucracy for issuing registration certificates and practice permits to doctors," the ministry's Director for Health Workers' Empowerment Anna Kurniati said. The bill also includes easing the utilisation of health workers in investment areas with the goal of transferring knowledge

MALAYSIA

NATION SECURES CHINESE INVESTMENT

Malaysia's International Trade and Industry Ministry's trade and investment mission to China has generated RM2.44 billion worth of potential exports to China along with RM170 billion of potential foreign direct investment from China. Both the nations also signed 19 MoU for projects in Malaysia, in sectors like education and health

THAILAND

CHURCH ALLIES STILL IN POLICE CUSTODY

More than 60 self-exiled members of a Chinese Christian church who were detained in Thailand paid fines for overstaying their visas but remained in police custody on Saturday uncertain about their legal status amid fears they would be deported against their will to their home country. After being fined, the church members had expected to be released. However, they were put on two buses which first took them to the Pattaya office of the immigration police and then drove them to Bangkok for what a police officer told *AP* was normal processing of their case

After indictment, Trump raises over $4 mn

WASHINGTON

DONALD Trump raised over $4 million towards his 2024 presidential run in 24 hours after a Manhattan grand jury indicted the former US president on charges related to paying off a porn star, his office has said.

According to the former president's campaign, over 25% of donations came from first-time donors to the Trump Campaign, further solidifying his status as the clear frontrunner in the Republican primary.

"This incredible surge of grassroots contributions confirms that the American people see the indictment of President Trump as a disgraceful weaponisation of our justice system by a Soros-funded prosecutor," it said in a statement on Friday.

"With an average contribution of only $34, Trump's 2024 campaign is funded by an unmatched coalition of hardworking patriots who are fed up with special interest donors like Soros spending billions of dollars to influence our elections," it further added.

Donald Trump | AP

Americans from across all 50 states donated to President Trump's campaign within the first five hours of the "sham indictment," the statement said.

The grand jury on Thursday voted to indict Donald Trump, a Republican, for his role in paying money to porn star Stormy Daniels in an attempt to buy her silence over an alleged affair.

Trump, who is the first former United States president to face a criminal charge, will be arraigned on Tuesday.

The indictment remains under seal and it is not clear what crimes and how many criminal counts the former president has been charged with. *PTI*

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, AMOGGH (Age-13 yers), S/o. Dayananda K.A. Residing at No.1405, 14th Main, 7th Cross, 1st Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru-560078, have changed my name to **AMOGGH SHANKAR DAYANANDA** vide affidavit dated : 01.04.2023 before notary S. Eswara Reddy, Bengaluru.

grooms

GROOM WANTED
HINDU NADAR,
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Ct : 9443156344

GROOM WANTED
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Cont. No. 6238840283

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
General Public are hereby informed that I **Smt. Akkayyamma** Resident of Hunsamarnahalli, Bengaluru North District Bengalure-562157. Confirm that I am resident of the above address. Following document (sale deed) **BNG(U)-YLNK-14531/2003-04** registered in the office of the Sub Register Yelehanka was lost While taking xerox in Yelehanka on 30th March 2023 around 1:30 PM, further complaint has been lodged on 31/03/2023, through online vide **0519703/2023** to this effect which has been duly acknowledged. Person finding the said original documents may kindly return the same to the under signed.
SMT. AKKAYYAMMA
Mobile No.: 9900709762.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby given that the property no 150300402600303547 and katha no1446/3/61and site no61 a vacant site measuring E-w 9.144 mts N-S 9.144mts in total 83.61 sqmtrs belong to smt padmamma w/o Munirathnappa which was purchased dt 29/3/2019 regd in the office of sub registrar Hoskote vide no 3055/2018-19 situated at Janatha colony Sulibele Village, Hoskote talk Bangalore rural dist while changing the house she lost the original sale deed. Inspite of thorough check it couldn't be traced. She has lodged a complaint in the concerned police station. If anybody found the document please intimate either to me or to the nearest police station.
D VENKATESH, Panel Advocate
Devanahalli. Phone 9448544987

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C. AT NELAMANGALA
Crl. Mis. No.90/2023
PETITIONER: Sri Rajamma & others -V/s-
RESPONDENT: Tahasildar
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the petitioner above named has filed the above petition against the respondent for obtaining the death certificate of petitioner Father by name Gangaiah, S/o Late Rangaiah was died on 01.07.2005 at Byadarahalli Village, Thyamgondalu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
And whereas the above petition is fixed for hearing of **05/05/2023** at **11:00 A.M** before the Hon'ble Civil Judge and J.M.F.C at Nelamangala. You are hereby summoned who are interested in this regard to appear to answer the Same. If you failing which the petition will be disposed of an enquiry
Given under my hand and seal of the court this 31/03/2023
By order of the Court, Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge And J.M.F.C. at Nelamangala
Advocate for Petitioner: **TEJARAJA .H.R** Nelamangala

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are informed that My client Mrs. **B.R. RADHA**, W/o S.N Ramesh, Residing at Villa 101, 2nd Block, 34th Cross, Juganahalli, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, hereby informs that, the Original Registered Sale Deed dated 21/02/2014, bearing Doc No. NMG-1-12797-2013-14, IN CD NO: NMGD303, of Book-1, in the office of Nelamangala, which have been lost/misplaced while House Shifting time. My client has also lodged a police complaint No. 0381387/2022 dated 11/11/2022., Rajajinagar, Police Station Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid document may return the same to me or anyone having any sort of claim over the said property may lodge their objections in writing within 7 days from this day to the undersigned.
Manjunath R Kesari, Advocate,
No. 604, 2nd Cross, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore 560086. 9900265966

LOST OF DOCUMENT
I, **Raghavendra S**, R/a No. 47, 2nd floor, 15th cross, Malleshwaram Bangalore-03. I have lost my Property document Reg Sale deed between **SLV BUILDERS AND RAGHAVENDRA.S Reg.No.1594/15-16** of 14 numbers of pages. If anybody found, kindly contact to above address or Nearest police station.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C. AT NELAMANGALA
Crl. Mis. No.89/2023
PETITIONER: Sri Rajamma & others -V/s-
RESPONDENT: Tahasildar
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the petitioner above named has filed the above petition against the respondent for obtaining the death certificate of petitioner Mother by name Gowramma, W/o Gangaish was died on 03.05.1995 at Byadarahalli Village, Thyamgondalu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
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By order of the Court, Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge And J.M.F.C. at Nelamangala
Advocate for Petitioner: **TEJARAJA .H.R** Nelamangala

PUBLIC NOTICE
Our Client intends to purchase the Schedule B and C Property from its owner **Sri.VISHNU VARDHAN REDDY** S/o. late Raghunatha Reddy Residing at No:23, 13th Cross Road Malleshwaram, BANGALORE 560003
Having acquired the same by way of **PARTITION DEED** dated 29.10.2005. If anyone having Claim, right over the Schedule Property may intimate the same to the undersigned within 07 Days failing which it will be deemed that nobody else has claim over the property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
[DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY]
All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Amalgamated Municipal No. 80, situated at 13th Cross, Appareddypalya, Indiranagar, BANGALORE. Coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP at Ward No. 72, totally measuring 57,825sq.ft. And bounded on: **East by:** Road; **West by:** Admiralty Manor Project, **North by:** 51 feet wide Road; **South by:** Cross Road
SCHEDULE B PROPERTY
[Description of undivided share conveyed]
771 Sq.ft of Undivided right, title and interest in the 'A' Schedule Property
SCHEDULE C PROPERTY
[Description of the Apartment hereby conveyed]
Flat bearing No. A-204, Second Floor, Apartment named "ADMIRALTY AVENUE" having BBMP Khata with PID No.72-3-80/20 constructed on the Schedule "A" Property as per Plan bearing L.P. No.L(NN) 213/2001-02 dated 18.3.2002 having a super built up area of 1935 sq.ft consisting of Hall, Two bed rooms, Kitchen, bathrooms and Toilets, Balconies etc., RCC roofing and marble flooring along with right to use a Car Parking space bearing No A-204 in the Cellar Floor.
SRINIVAS R. AND B.B.SUDHIR, Advocates
No:334,09th Main, 14th Cross, Indiranagar, BANGALORE-560038
Mob:9480467453/ 98450 22593

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed to the general public that WE, the undersigned are the lawful owners of the site bearing No. 26 and 32 each measuring 30 x 40, formed in Sy.No.58/1 of Jarkabande Kaval village, Yalahanka hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk presently Yalahanka taluk out of land measuring an extent of 0-20 guntas purchased from lawful owners. Presently unscrupulous Land grabbers colluded with land owners trying to create illegal documents and change the layout plan and trying to create false documents like sale deeds. The public are hereby cautioned against purchasing or dealing in any manner with the above referred site.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing No.26 and 32 formed in Sy.No.58/1 out of land measuring an extent of 0-20 guntas in Sy.No.58/1 of Jaraka Bande Kaval village, Yalahanka hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk Presently Yalahanka taluk measuring East to West:30 ft and North to South 80 ft and bounded on
East: site No.27 and 31
West: Site No.9 and 10.
North: Road
South: Edga Mydhan
Place: Bengaluru, Date: 01-08-2023
Shaik Mohammed Rafi,
Tel: 9341237778,
Azaruddin,
Tel: 9980243782.
No.26, 58/1, Jarakabande Kaval village, Yalahanka, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to public that my client **Sri. Lokesh** states that Gift deed dated 03-07-2006 executed by Smt. Kempamma in favour of Smt. Jayamma vide document No. BLN-1-20749/2006-07, Registered dated. 04-07-2006 at the office of the sub- registrar Bengaluru North Taluk, was lost. If anybody get any information about the said document/in the possession of the same/having any claim/interest in the schedule property may write/contact to the undersigned within 15 days with documentary proof failing which my clients will treat the certified copy of the said document as original and objections received thereafter is not binding upon my client.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 790 formed in Sy No. 46 Situated at Saneguruvanahalli village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, Totally measuring 1200 sq ft and Bounded on:
East by : Lakshmamma's House.
West by : Road.
North by : Raju's House.
South by : Sarojamma's House.
POORNIMA .K.S, Advocate.
2710, 6th Main, 2nd Stage, K.S. Layout, Bangalore-560 078. Mobile No. 9886244736

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to public that my client **Sri. Sriram Mahesh Babu** S/o Late Sriram Bala Subbarayadu states that original sale deed dated 24-12-2007 executed by Venkatappa, Venkatesh, Venkataswamy, Muniraju, Srinivas, Smt. Muniyamma, Smt. Lingamma, Chikka Venkatappa and their minor children in favour of Sriram Bala Subbarayadu vide document No. 2705/2007-08 stored in CD No. YAND299 in the office of the sub-registrar Yelahanka, Bengaluru was lost. If any body get any information about the said document/in the possession of the same/having any claim/interest in the schedule property may write/contact to the undersigned within 15 days with documentary proof failing which my clients will treat the certified copy of the said document as original and objections received thereafter is not binding upon my client.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy. No. 52/4 measuring 20 guntas (Out of 2 acres 16 guntas), situated at Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk. Bounded on:
East by : Property belonging to M Jayagopal Gowda
West by : Kaluve
North by : Remaining portion of Sy. No. 52/4 retained by the vendors
South by: Remaining portion of Sy. No. 52/4 sold to Ramachandra Raju
POORNIMA. K. S Advocate.
2710, 6th Main, 2nd Stage, K.S. Layout, Bangalore-560 078. Mb: 9886244736.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
No.EE-III-PDA/NIT/2022-23/1 dated: 30.03.2023
The Executive Engineer-III, PDA, Manipur on behalf of Chairman, Planning & Development Authority (PDA), Manipur invites online item rate bid in two bid system for the following works.
Name of work: **Development of street for People at the following locations: Site A: Governor Road Between Johnstone School & BT Park Site B: Turel Mapal (New Lambulane) Road. (Connecting Nongpok Thong) (Nongpok thong to Ananda Singh Hr. Sec Academy)**
1. Estimated Cost :- **Rs.12,30,47,668.00 i/c 18% GST and 1% Labour CESS**
Earnest Money :- **Rs.22,30,477.00**
Cost of tender & cost of e-tender processing fee :- **Rs.15,000.00** (non refundable).
Period for completion :- **12 (twelve) months.**
Online bid starts :- **03.04.2023 at 1100 Hrs.**
Last date and time of submission of bid :- **17.04.2023 at 1100 Hrs.**
Date and time of opening :- **17.04.2023 at 1300 Hrs.**
The tender forms, eligibility criteria and other details can be obtained from the website **www.manipurtenders.gov.in**
Sd/-
Executive Engineer-III,
PDA, Manipur.

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SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram				
1	Road ID 185 (MRT Road)	2023_SCTLT_552621_3	Rs. 1,66,77,152	10.04.2023
2	Road ID 31A (Keezhe Thampanoor Road)	2023_SCTLT_551304_2	Rs. 3,20,36,478	10.04.2023
3	Road ID 180 & 181 (Kamukuvilakom Road and Ankalamman Nagar	2023_SCTLT_551497_2	Rs. 3,51,84,212	10.04.2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website https://etenders.kerala.gov.in
(Sd/-), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

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ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye Pass Road, Edapally, Cochin- 682024

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mrs. Mary Savitha (Borrower) Mr. Ettira Poulose (Co- Borrower) Loan Account No. LBCOC00001465836	A Flat with built up area of 1001 Sq Ft in Flat No.2D, Phoenix (Formerly known as Apple a day Project) 2nd Floor, Sy No. 4/3A, Re Sy No. 160/14, Block No.8, Vazhakala Village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District.	Rs. 16,26,938/- (As on March 30, 2023)	Rs. 35,30,000/- / Rs. 3,53,000/-	April 18, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 02:00 PM	May 03, 2023 from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will take place on website of e-auction agency **NexXen Solutions Private Limited. (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com).** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **May 02, 2023** before **04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye Pass Road, Edapally, Cochin- 682024** on or before **May 02, 2023** before **05:00 PM** And thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **May 02, 2023** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted **ICICI Bank Limited, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye Pass Road, Edapally, Cochin- 682024** on or before **May 02, 2023** before **5:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Cochin.**
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on **8138023587/ 9004474395.**
Please note that Marketing agency **NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**
Date: April 01, 2023 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Stressed Assets Management Branch, Bengaluru
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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE REGARDING POSSESSION OF PROPERTY U/S 13(4) OF SARFAESIACT 2002
Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.
The Borrower/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.
The Borrower/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereon.
The Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Account/ Borrower & address	**M/s Dheppu Internationals Pvt Ltd** **Regd Address:** Block No. 01, Sy no. 188 & 189/1, 1st Mile, Ramohalli Road, Garepalya Village, Kumbalgodu, Bengaluru-560074
Name of Proprietor/ Partners/ Guarantors/ Owner of property etc.	**Guarantors: 1) Ravikumar Balakrishnan** **2) Sree Deepack Ravikumar** **Owner of property: Ravikumar Balakrishnan**
Description of the property mortgaged/ charged	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Old Patta No. 111, New Patta No. 5408, Revenue Survey no. 306/3B8B2, 3B8B3, 3B8B4 Varadharajapuram Village, Mudichur Panchayat, Kundrathur Taluk, Padappai SRD, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu, in all measuring 0.05.0 Hectares in S No. 306/3B8B2, 0.07.0 Hectares in S No. 306/3B8B3, 0.43.5 Hectares in S No 306/3B8B4 in total 0.55.5 Hectares, i.e 1 Acre 37 Cents, i.e 59732 sqft.Boundaries for Property : North:Vacant Land, South : Vacant Land, East : Road, West : Outer Ring Road.
Date of Demand Notice	27.07.2022
Date of Possession	**29.03.2023**
Amount Outstanding	**Rs 13,62,12,945.00** (Rupees Thirteen Crores Sixty Two Lakhs Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Five only) as on 28.03.2023 and with further interest + incidental expenses thereon till the date of realization

Place: Camp-Mudichur
Date: 29.03.2023
Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
SAMB Bangalore

4.5 million accounts WhatsApp banned in February, higher than the number of accounts it barred in the preceding month, showed the app's monthly India report

'Roll back tariff hikes for 8% growth'

Former Niti Aayog V-C remains firm on 7% plus GDP growth predictions for India

DIPAK MONDAL

INDIA can achieve 8% plus annual GDP growth if the country rolls back the numerous tariff hikes since 2018, says Arvind Panagariya (*Pic*), economist and former vice-chairman of Niti Aayog, in an email interaction with The New Indian Express.

Given the current global economic situation, how do you see the Indian macroeconomic situation and how well-placed it is to sail through the current crisis?
On trade and capital flows, normalcy is back in the global economy. Global trade in 2022 was $32 trillion compared with pre-Covid peak of $25 trillion. Global FDI flows in the first 9 months of 2022 were 16% higher than the corresponding period in 2021 and well above those in 2018 and 2019.

India remains one of the fastest growing large economies, but most estimates suggest we would grow at 6-6.5% over the long term. Is it a good enough rate of growth for India? Have we given up hope on 8% plus growth rate?
Calculated on the base GDP in 2021-22 reported by MOSPI at the time I predicted 8% growth for 2022-23, the second advance estimate of GDP for the latter year indeed implies 8% plus growth. It is because the 2021-22 GDP has been revised significantly upward that the 2022-23 second advance estimate for growth in GDP turns out to be 7%. As for the future, I remain firm at my 7% plus prediction under business as usual and 8% or more if we roll back the numerous tariff hikes since 2018.

One of the problems that many economists see with Indian growth right now is slow take-off of private investment. Do you agree with this assessment and what do you think could be the government's strategy to ensure pick-up in private investments?
This is a case of lazy commentary. These commentators do not check the data. Real investment as a proportion of GDP has been steadily rising and as per the second advance estimate stands at 34%. Given that the government investment (Centre plus state) is no more than 7%, private investment has in fact seen a significant acceleration in recent years, especially in 2022-23.

The government has increased its capex allocation to record levels, but capex as a percentage of GDP (GFCF as % of GDP) is not as high as we saw between 2006-07 and 2011-12.
This is a question of fact checking. I leave it to you.

Government has been pushing the PLI scheme in almost all sectors of manufacturing. But PLI cannot be a panacea for all manufacturing ills of the country. Do you think PLI will be able to help India realize the dream of seeing the contribution of manufacturing in GDP go beyond 20%?
I have to admit that manufacturing remains our Achilles heel. I have consistently argued that PLI may make a difference in the specific sectors targeted by it but it cannot make a perceptible difference to the total manufacturing output. For the total manufacturing production, we need to fully implement the labor law reforms, address the issue of high land and electricity prices, and the overvalued rupee.

Some analysts have pointed out that incentives have also been given to sectors where India already is well-established. Do you think some of the PLI incentives are given to unnecessary sectors?
I see no problem with it as long as the established sectors are ones where we have comparative advantage (translation: we export those products). On the contrary, when we give subsidies in non-existent sectors, there is a huge risk that we are subsidizing sectors in which we lack comparative advantage (why else are they non-existent?)

You have been a critique of the government's Atma Nirbhar Bharat approach in a sense that you have opposed levying high duties on imports. Do you think this is a wrong approach especially if you want the country to be an export hub?
I am critical of protectionist policies, not Atma Nirbhar Bharat. The former came well before the PM talked about Atmanirbhar Bharat. I have never heard the PM translate Atmanirbhar into self-sufficiency. Instead, he always uses it in the sense of self-reliance. If he had meant to use it in the sense of self-sufficiency, he would not have applauded India crossing the $750 billion mark in exports in 2022-23. Just as individual households should seek to be self-reliant, nations should also aspire to be the same.

Our exports have touched record levels of $750 billion helped by a sharp increase in services exports. Some economists suggest that India should not unnecessarily try to chase the dream of becoming a manufacturing hub, but instead spend more of its energy on becoming a services exports hub. Your take on this.
What suggestions do these economists have for the 45% of the workforce, which is currently employed in agriculture and another 45% which is either self-employed or employed in enterprises with less than 20 workers each (the average labor productivity in both of these activities is abysmally low). Do they have a roadmap to create well-paid jobs for at least half of these workers in export-oriented services?

India has been trying to push rupee trade with some countries. What are the challenges in making rupee trade popular and should India look for full capital account convertibility before aiming for rupee to be a reserve currency?
For the coming decade, dollar will remain at the center of our (and other countries') trade. On the margins, we can shift to payments in the rupee or non-dollar currencies but for now this is unlikely to go very far.

URBAN INFRA

NEW BID FOR URBAN TRANSFORMATION THROUGH MUNICIPAL BONDS

WITH India taking up the presidentship of the G-20 nations, urban transformation is back on the national agenda. The Union government has decided to identify 30 cities with good performance ratings and help them issue municipal bonds (muni) to raise capital for infrastructure projects.

City and municipal governments do not have a great track record of financial skills or discipline, which makes it difficult for them to raise money in the debt market. Without an assured flow of finance, how do cities bankroll essential projects like housing, sewerage, and mass transportation which are so crucial to making urban life easier?

So far they have been dependent on development handouts by the Union or state governments. The Centre is hoping to change that by helping them raise money through the issue of municipal bonds. The Indore Municipal Corporation recently raised ₹122 crore through its green bonds targeted at retail investors and listed on the NSE.

News reports say Surat and Visakhapatnam have specific projects being dressed up and Chennai is also in the pipeline to become the first mega city to issue muni bonds this year. Both Surat and Vizag have developed a revenue stream via the supply of treated waste water to industries. Issue of bonds will help enlarge these projects.

Building 'smart' cities

Those with short memories need to be reminded that urban transformation has always been high on the priority list of the BJP government. At least on paper! The two big clarion calls after the BJP-led government was voted in in 2014 were 'Housing for All by 2022' – the 75th year of India's Independence; and the Smart City Mission that sought to modernize 100 cities.

Over the years set targets have faltered, and discussion on these subjects have gradually disappeared.

Looking back, the government set up the 'Urban Renewal Mission' and launched the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna – Urban (PMAY-U) on 25th June 2015 with an initial outlay of ₹48,000 crore and with the target of providing houses for all by 2022.

However, in its reply to questions in the Rajya Sabha last December, the government admitted that only 51% of the target had been achieved. Against a sanction for 12.5 million units, on ground just 612,000 homes had actually been built. Seeing the 2022 target could not be met, the PMAY-U scheme was extended to December 2024. Meanwhile, government targets had become outdated as the urban housing shortage had increased by 54%, from 18.8 million unitsin 2012 to 29 million in 2018.

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The 'Smart Cities Mission' too was formally launched along with the 'Housing-for-all' on 25th June 2015 by the Prime Minister, with an allocation of ₹98,000 crore. Then 3 years went by choosing the 100 cities.

The 'smart' projects, aimed at mainly ramping up communication and technology, were supposed to be completed within 5 years; but tardy implementation then forced the government to extend the deadline to June 2023.

Latest data shows that of the work orders for 7,799 projects worth ₹1.80 lakh crore issued so far, 5,399 projects worth ₹1.02 lakh crore have been completed. Only 20 cities are likely to meet the June deadline; the rest will need more time. Most of the cities have achieved only 44-46% of the target projects launched.

Fall back on grant-in-aid

There are very few planned cities in India. Most of them have mushroomed as a result of rural migration and piecemeal industrialization.
With soaring real estate prices, most of urban India still lives in slums or other informal housing where basic civic amenities like water and transportation are an everyday struggle. In this context the government has rightly made raising funds through municipal bonds a major theme in the Union Budget.

That's the way planned cities in developed economies raise capital, and they don't need government handouts. For instance, in the US, municipal government debt stands at $ 4 trillion, and accounts for nearly 16% of the country's GDP. However, muni bonds never caught on in India as the municipal bodies had little to show by way of stable revenue streams and efficient management. Between 1997 and 2022, municipal bonds have barely raised ₹6,250 crores.

Grant-in-aid therefore has remained the main form of funding urban transformation. The

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big initiative we saw in the past was the Jawahar Lal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNRUM) launched in 2005 that allocated ₹66,000 crore over 7 years to improve urban infrastructure in 65 cities. Grants were sanctioned on condition that municipalities adopt a set of 11 reforms aimed at financial efficiency. On this front it was a failure.

Today, the cost of urban renewal is humungous. An old McKinsey report projects India will require $1.2 trillion (or about ₹100 lakh crore) in capital expenditure by 2030 to transform her urban landscape to modern, livable levels.

While municipal bonds will be a new source of revenue, it will be considerable time before municipal bodies can evolve into autonomous, financially stable entities capable of raising funds in the market. Given this scenario, central grant-in-aid will continue to be the main driver for some time to come.

Zoho's IT mgmt arm sees billion-dollar revenue despite fall in global demand

VAITHEESWARAN B @Chennai

MANAGEENGINE, the enterprise information technology management division of Zoho Corp, is facing headwinds from the global macro-economic situation, as its top revenue generating markets like North America and the UK slow down.

After witnessing recovery from the pandemic in the financial year (FY) 2020-21 with 25% growth, it gained 18% growth in FY22. But since last July, ManageEngine is facing the impact of slowdown and inflation.

"We're starting to see sales cycles getting delayed in North America, Australia and the UK markets," Rajesh Ganesan, President of ManageEngine told this newspaper. Longer waiting times, non-renewal of products, and a higher level of prudence by the customers are posing challenges and it has impacted the first quarter numbers, he said. However, its business in India and the Middle East, which is among the top five markets, are largely unaffected.

ManageEngine contributes nearly 50% of billion-dollar revenue of Zoho Corp, making it worth about $500 million, along with Zoho.com. Despite softness in demand and uncertainty, it hopes to grow as a billion-dollar company in two-three years, Ganesan said. "We plan to provide comprehensive products/services to manage complete technical infrastructure management of customers, encompassing tech service, end-point, operation, security information and compliance management and move up the value chain. Technology infrastructure management is a 50 billion USD market globally. The company also bets on its research and development (R&D) to double its revenue. It spends about 60% of its sales. We're marketing via engineering," said Shailesh Davey, co-founder of Zoho Corp and vice President of Engineering at ManageEngine. Integrating more artificial intelligence (AI) solutions to their product suite and opening more data centers around the world is the company's priority, he added.

"We have been focusing on generative artificial intelligence (AI) for the last five years. Instead of looking at AI as a separate entity, we weave it into our products. We believe it can bring more efficiency and insights and should be available inside the product without any extra costs." We're coming up with our generative AI stack as well as integrate with APIs (application programming interface) available on market."

The company is building data centers through a co-location model for its use. "Cloud solutions are growing fast due to adoption, but a lot of customers prefer to have the data centers within the border, due to privacy and data sovereignty regulations."

EXPRESS READ

Unemployment rate at 7.8% in March

MUMBAI: Unemployment rose to a three-month high in March to 7.8% as the country's labour markets deteriorated, according to Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) data. Unemployment rate in the country surged in December 2022 to 8.3 % but fell in January to 7.14%. *PTI*

Maruti, Tata, Hyundai see record sales in FY23

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE country's top three carmakers -- Maruti Suzuki (MSIL), Hyundai Motor (HMIL) and Tata Motors -- reported record sales for the financial year 2023 amid a plethora of new launches, especially in the sports utility segment (SUV).

Maruti Suzuki on Saturday reported cumulative domestic sales of about 17 lakh units in FY23, an annual growth of 21%. Shashank Srivastava, MSIL senior executive officer, marketing and sales, said the record sales were achieved despite chip shortage continuing to impact the production activity. On the overall passenger vehicle (PV) industry volume, Srivastava said the total industry sales in last fiscal rose to 38.89 lakh units, an increase of 27% from 30.69 lakh units in 2021-22.

The industry sales were expected to rise to 4.05-4.10 million in the current fiscal, he added.

PASSENGER VEHICLE SALES

Company	Sales in FY23 (Units)	Sales in FY22	Growth
Maruti Suzuki	17,06,831	14,14,277	21%
Hyundai	5,67,546	4,81,500	18%
Tata Motors	5,38,640	3,70,372	45%

"We expect the industry growth to be in the range of 5-7% this fiscal and the company would like to perform better than the industry," Srivastava said.

He noted that with models like Jimny and Fronx in its kitty, the company expects to corner 25% of the SUV market in the current fiscal.

Korean carmaker Hyundai posted its best-ever annual domestic volumes at 567,546 units in FY23, a rise of 18% y-o-y. "Despite global headwinds, we see momentum in the Indian auto industry backed by a strong India growth story led by Gen MZ," said Tarun Garg, Chief Operating Officer at HMIL.

Tata Motors, which reported its highest-ever annual sales last fiscal, narrowed its gap with Hyundai for the second spot position in the Indian car market. The difference between the two was a meagre 29,000 units in FY23. Tata Motors sold 5,38,640 units in FY23, up 45% YoY.

Outcome of initiatives taken by Punjab govt for power sector during last 1 year

BHUBANESWAR: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been conducting Financial Literacy Week (FLW) every year since 2016 to propagate financial education messages on relevant themes. The theme for this year's Financial Literacy Week is "Good Financial Behaviour, Your Saviour", with emphasis on "Saving, planning, and budgeting" and "Prudent use of digital financial services" which aligns with over-all strategic objectives of the National Strategy for Financial Education: 2020-2025.

Business & Beyond

Godrej Properties acquires land for luxury residential project at Koregaon Park, Pune

MUMBAI: Godrej Properties (GPL), (BSE scrip id: GODREJPROP), one of India's leading real estate developers, today announced that it has acquired a 4 acre land parcel near Koregaon Park, an upmarket residential area in Pune. The development on this land will primarily be a luxury group housing project. Koregaon Park has an established physical and social infrastructure. The location offers excellent connectivity to all major social and commercial hubs of Pune city. Gaurav Pandey, MD & CEO, Godrej Properties, said, "The demand for luxury realty has been strong over the past few years."

POWERGRID wins 3 SPVs for transmission system projects

GURUGRAM: Power Grid Corporation of India (POWERGRID), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, on March 28, 2023, acquired 3 Project Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) for various Transmission System Projects after competing with various private sector players and emerging as successful bidder in the Tariff Based Competitive Bidding process (TBCB) conducted by PFC Consulting.

Asia Book of Record Citation presented to Maha Metro

NAGPUR: Having being awarded Guinness World Records and two Asia Book of Records earlier, Maha Metro Nagpur today, was honored with the prestigious Asia Book of Records certification for three different categories. The certification and citation was presented by Hon Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri DevendraFadanvis at Metro Bhawan today. In his note, Deputy Chief Minister Shri DevendraFadanvis praised Maha Metro for its work. Maha Metro has done amazing work in the field of creating metro corridors and urban infrastructure in past few years.

Sarbananda Sonowal launches Sagar Setu Mobile App

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal today launched App Version of National Logistics Portal (Marine) 'Sagar-Setu' in presence of Shripad Y. Naik, MoS, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) Sudhansh Pant, Secretary and other senior officials. The app has been envisaged with deliverables covering features like Login Module, Service Catalogue, Common Application Format, Letter of Credit, Bank Guarantee, Certification, and Track & Trace etc. It will provide real-time information of activities.

Sinner stuns World No 2 Alcaraz in Miami Open

Tenth-seeded Jannick Sinner of Italy stunned top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz in the Miami Open semifinals, rallying from a set down to beat the defending champion, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-2 in a three-hour thriller. Sinner ended Alcaraz's winning streak at 10 matches on Friday night. Sinner will face fourth-seeded Daniil Medvedev of Russia in the fianl on Sunday.

RAJAPAKSA KING OF PUNJAB

SL BATTER'S BREEZY 50 SETS UP WIN FOR PBKS OVER KKR IN RAIN-HIT TIE

Punjab Kings' Bhanuka Rajapaksa hit 50 off 32 balls to help team post a big score against Kolkata Knight Riders in the IPL game at Mohali on Saturday | SPORTZPICS

GOMESH S @ Chennai

PUNJAB KINGS did not come into the ongoing Indian Premier League season with their full strength. If Jonny Bairstow getting ruled out was an early blow, that Liam Livingstone and Kagiso Rabada will not be available for the initial games came as a thunderbolt. Unperturbed by all this, head coach Trevor Bayliss had backed the team to come good, especially someone like Bhanuka Rajapaksa.

The Sri Lankan batter had blown hot and cold without making a massive impact in the previous season — 206 runs at a strike rate of 159.68 is much less than what the southpaw was capable of. And in the absence of Livingstone and Bairstow, there was more responsibility on Rajapaksa as Punjab took on Kolkata Knight Riders in their opening game of the season in Mohali on Saturday. How did he respond? Rajapaksa rose to the occasion to smash a 32-ball 50, laying the foundation for the lower-order to take them to 191/5.

Now, Rajapaksa's ability with the bat or his skill to take the attack to the opponents were never in the question. In fact, it is the innate disdain with which he takes apart bowlers that secured him a place in the league. However, it wasn't enough then with the Sri Lankan team or with Punjab during their past seasons. This year, however, he was different, at least it seemed so from the outside. When he walked into the bat in the third over, the momentum was already with Punjab and all he had to do was build on it.

As expected, the southpaw took on KKR's best bowler Sunil Narine, smashing two back-to-back fours and a six. With the ball coming on nicely to the bat, Rajapaksa and Shikhar Dhawan put together a stand of 86 runs from 55 balls. Through the course of his innings, he cut, and pulled and flicked and muscled the ball across the park, smashing a 32-ball fifty. At one point, it looked like he could keep going, especially with nine overs left. However, it was not meant to be as Rajapaksa fell immediately after reaching the milestone in the eleventh over. From thereon, Punjab lower-order, including Sam Curran chipped in, helped them score 82 runs in the last nine overs. "I don't think it is a typical Mohali wicket," said the Sri Lankan after the innings. "It had something for spinners and fast bowlers in the back end. (On his six off Narine) Instinct took over. Told Shikhar, I would take him on. It worked. It is a good total because we were aiming for 180-185. (The messaging from Bayliss) So clear. He wants me to bat at the top of the order and bat with a clear mind," he added.

Having done his job, the southpaw was replaced by Rishi Dhawan as the impact player for the second innings. In reply, KKR managed to score 146/7 in 16 overs before rain interrupted as they fell short by seven runs (DLS method). Arshdeep Singh was the pick of the bowlers for Punjab as the left-arm pacer took three wickets for 19 runs in three overs.

Brief scores: Punjab Kings 191/5 in 20 ovs (Rajapaksa 50, Dhawan 40) **bt** Kolkata Knight Riders 146/7 in 16 ovs (Russell 35; Singh 3/19) (*7 runs DLS*).

CSK coach's views on loss, MS & more

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

CHENNAI Super Kings are a team that generally has a sedate start, peaks at the right time to make it to the play offs. But with a ninth-finish season and with all the teams having a new-look squad, CSK needs to put behind the loss against Gujarat Titans on Friday and move ahead. CSK coach Stephen Fleming, too, insisted that his team could have performed better against Gujarat, adding that the team would perform better in the coming matches.

Ruturaj Gaikwad, who made 92 off just 50 balls was the star performer for CSK in the season opener. But the rest of the team could not rally around him. "We thought we were a little bit short. Ruturaj played a great hand, but around him, we just didn't capitalise on the couple of positions we got into. They (Gujarat) bowled well from 12 to 16 overs and we couldn't get that final push that we needed. 180 is a good score, but we were in a position where we could have got 190-200 runs. We were probably a little bit match underdone," said Fleming after his team's defeat on Friday night.

There were some talks and concerns about CSK captain MS Dhoni's participation in the IPL 2023 opener against defending champions, but CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan had brushed aside the rumours and Dhoni did play in front of a packed Narendra Modi Stadium on Friday evening. However, during the match, Dhoni awkwardly landed on his injured knee and was then seen in pain.

Fleming explained that Dhoni was nursing from a sore knee during the pre-season days and what unfolded on Friday evening was mere cramps. "He (Dhoni) was always playing. Not sure where that story came from. He was nursing a sore knee throughout the month of pre-season, but on Friday it was just cramps, it wasn't the knee. He's not going to be as quick and nimble as he was 15 years ago but he is still a great leader of the side and even with the bat, he is still going to play a part. He knows his limitations and he is a valuable player to have on the field. He (Dhoni) is a legend," said Fleming.

The New Zealander was all praise for fast bowler Rajvardhan Hangargekar, who made his IPL debut on Friday. The 20-year-old became CSK's fourth youngest debutant and finished with figures of 4-0-36-3. He got the wickets of Wriddhiman Saha, Sai Sudharsan and Vijay Shankar. "There has been some big improvement. He has been a lot more consistent. There are areas he still needs to work on till you are comfortable. He did well, but there were some lapses," he said. Fleming revealed that all-rounder Ben Stokes is making good progress from his knee injury.

RCB hope for perfect start, face Mumbai test at home

AGENCIES @ Bengaluru

ROYAL Challengers Bangalore will look to maintain their recent dominance over Mumbai Indians when the two teams clash in their opening match of the Indian Premier League season here on Sunday.

Having recorded three consecutive wins against Mumbai Indians in their last five meetings since IPL 2020, the RCB, who are once again in search of their maiden title win in the league, would want to make a winning start in front of their loyal fans at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium here. However, it remains to be seen how RCB will cope without players like Rajat Patidar and Josh Hazlewood, who both have been sidelined for at least the first half of this IPL due to injuries. Glenn Maxwell is also unlikely to feature in Sunday's game.

While England's Will Jacks will miss the full season, it is to be seen how Maxwell shapes up given that he missed the last two ODIs for Australia against tIndia in the recent series after playing the first match in Mumbai. Patidar was RCB's third highest-scorer last year with 333 runs in eight matches at 55.50, including two fifties. He hit the fastest century by an Indian in IPL in the Qualifier 1. On the other hand, Australia's Hazlewood was the team's second most successful bowler with 20 wickets in 20 matches.

RCB will also have to wait for their Sri Lankan spin ace Wanindu Hasaranga, who is in New Zealand on national duty.

The late inclusion of New Zealand's Michael Bracewell is expected to provide RCB with an aggressive batter lower down the order. While captain Faf du Plessis and Virat Kohli are expected to do the heavy lifting in the top-order batting, pacers Harshal Patel and Mohammed Siraj will be the strike bolwers.

SUNDAY DOUBLE-HEADER

Sunrisers Hyderabad take on Rajasthan Royals while Royal Challengers Bangalore face Mumbai Indians. A look...

SRH BATTERS IN OVERS 7-16 The key positive for Hyderabad is the pace at which their batters progress through the middle-overs (7-16). From Mayank Agarwal to Aiden Markram, almost all batters strike well over 130 in this phase and will be interesting to see how Rajasthan Royal bowlers counter this threat

BUTTLER VS BHUVNESHWAR
Jos Buttler might be one of the destructive T20 batters not just in the IPL but in world cricket. But against the new ball bowling of Bhuvneshwar Kumar, the England star usually keeps quiet. In five innings, he has a strike rate of 97.29 after facing 37 balls against the Indian seamer and this would be battle to watch out for in this game

THE RETURN OF JOFRA
Ever since the Mumbai franchise signed the England pacer, the anticipation of him taking the field together with Jasprit Bumrah has just grown. While one has to wait for the duo operate in tandem, Jofra Archer will be playing for this team for the first and will have to do the heavy lifting this season without India's one of the best death bowlers

ROHIT VS HASARANGA
Rohit Sharma hasn't had a big knock in a while despite showing the intent early on with the bat. Against RCB, he will have a threat in Wanindu Hasaranga. The MI skipper strikes at 100.85 against leg spin in the IPL and he will have to find a way to score at a quicker pace against the Sri Lankan. Who will come out on top?

SRH vs RR, 3.30 PM, Hyderabad
RCB vs MI, 7.30 PM, Bengaluru
LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIO CINEMA

Mayers, Wood lift LSG

AGENCIES @ Lucknow

A bit of sloppy fielding, wayward bowling and of course, the bludgeoning of Kyle Mayers helped Lucknow Super Giants beat Delhi Capitals by 50 runs. Mayers made a 38-ball 73 and made a grand entry on IPL stage.

The left-hander from Barbados, who was included in absence of Quinton De Kock, made Capitals pay a heavy price for dropping him on 14, by blazing his way to a 28-ball fifty. Thanks to his effort, Lucknow scored 193/6 in 20 overs.

In reply, David Warner hit 56 but that was not enough as the visitors fell short by 50 runs. Mark Wood was pick of the bowlers (5/14) for Lucknow as Delhi finished with 143/9 in their 20 overs.

Brief Scores: LSG 193/6 in 20 ovs (Mayers 73, Pooran 36; Khaleel 2/30) **bt** DC 143/9 in 20 ovs (Warner 56).

Earlier, Deepak Hooda (17, 18b) at the other end was a mere spectator to Mayers' fury as they stitched 79 runs in 42 balls. The duo departed in the space of one ball.

But LSG maintained the momentum with Nicholas Pooran (36; 21b) and Krunal Pandya (15 n.o; 13b) taking the charge, before Ayush Badoni's mini assault (18 off 7b) and a last ball six from 'Impact Substitute' Krishnappa Gowtham yielded 22 runs from the 20th over by Chetan Sakariya (2/53).

Verstappen takes pole at Australian Grand Prix

AP @ Melbourne

MAX Verstappen will have his best chance of claiming an inaugural Australian Grand Prix title after taking pole position in his Red Bull for Sunday's third race of the Formula One season on the Albert Park circuit.

Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton is among rivals sharing renewed hope after the dominance Red Bull has had over its rivals was diminished during Saturday's qualifying session.

Verstappen, a two-time world champion, was not pleased with the performance of his RB19 despite setting a track record around the circuit on Saturday. After setting a lap record during practice earlier on Saturday, the drivers' championship leader set a benchmark of 1 minute, 16:732 seconds in the final session of qualifying.

"I have been on the podium once, but I want to be on a different step this time," Verstappen said after claiming his first pole position in Australia. His teammate Sergio Perez, who sits just one point behind the Dutch driver in the championship, will start from the back of the grid after enduring a horrible day in Melbourne.

After declaring Red Bull would win every race this season after their supremacy in Bahrain, Mercedes driver George Hamilton shared the front row of the starting grid after recording a time 0.236 seconds slower than Verstappen. Hamilton will start in third position on what was an encouraging day for Mercedes, with Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso qualifying fourth.

"This is totally unexpected. For us to be up in the two front rows is a dream," Hamilton said. "To be this close to Red Bull is incredible. I think this gives everyone in the team a boost and a glimpse of hope. This will spur everyone on. It will inspire everyone to continue to push." Verstappen, who won the season-opening race in Bahrain, was progressively faster on Saturday but raised concerns about his car on the lap prior to setting the new mark.

"Downshifts are getting worse as well," Verstappen said.

Maini bags maiden F2 podium at Melbourne

MELBOURNE: Indian driver Kush Maini of Campos Racing fought off a strong challenge from Arthur Leclerc of DAMS in a rain-interrupted race to claim his first-ever Formula 2 podium with a third-place finish, here. Maini started from P3 on the grid on prime tyres and held on to his position for several laps while Arthur Leclerc was right behind him putting pressure on the softer tyres. Leclerc got past Maini but the Indian fought back and made a last second dive onto the inside and got back P3.

Sasikumar-Vishnu pair bags doubles title

MYSURU: India's Sasikumar Mukund and Vishnu Vardhan bagged the doubles title at the ITF Mysuru Open as the duo showed admirable endurance against compatriots B Ritvick Choudary and Nikki Poonacha here on Saturday. The two defeated top seeds Choudary and Poonacha 6-3, 6-4 in 1 hour and 10 minutes. Mukund and Vishnu warded off seven break points in the match while they converted two opportunities to break their opponents to ease their way to the title.

Sindhu marches into Madrid Masters final

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THINGS haven't been easy for ace shuttler PV Sindhu this year and it wasn't easy in Madrid on Saturday.

Taking part in ongoing Madrid Spain Masters 2023 — a Super 300 event on BWF World tour, Sindhu had done well to put aside her recent miseries aside (a loss of form that seen her fall outside top-10 ranking in world ranking) and reach the semis. Up against Yeo Jia Min of Singapore in the last-four stage, the double Olympic medallist was thoroughly tested. But she did just about enough to hold her nerves and post a 24-22, 22-20 win. This was her fourth victory in the event.

This is a massive development for the Hyderabad shuttler, who is the No 2 seed in the event, given her recent run on world tour. Before this event, Sindhu — who has been one of the most consistent players on tour over the years — had suffered three first-round exits and a second-round loss in four events on tour. With the Olympic qualification period commencing on May 1, this could prove to be timely boost as the World No 11 looks to regain her form.

Sindhu will take on Indonesia's Gregoria Mariska Tunjung, who upset No 1 seed Carolina Marin 10-21, 21-15, 21-10 in the other semifinal.

Sindhu has won all her seven past meetings with the Indonesian. The battle between the No 2 seed and the No 5 seed could be a thrilling contest.

EXPRESS READ

FOOTBALL

Jesus double helps Arsenal maintain eight-point lead

AFP @ London

Gabriel Jesus (R) rejoices after scoring against Leeds United on Saturday | AP

ARSENAL quickly reestablished their eight-point lead at the top of the Premier League as Gabriel Jesus's first goals since October inspired a 4-1 rout of Leeds on Saturday.

Mikel Arteta's side had seen their advantage trimmed to five points by second placed Manchester City's 4-1 win against Liverpool earlier in the afternoon.

But the Gunners showed no signs of feeling any title race pressure at the Emirates Stadium as they cruised to a seventh successive league victory. Jesus was the headline act for Arsenal as he replaced the ill Bukayo Saka in the starting line-up and ensured the in-form England forward wasn't missed in the slightest. The Brazilian put Arsenal ahead with a penalty late in the first half, ending a 14-game drought with his sixth goal since joining from title rivals City last year. Ben White, a former Leeds loanee, doubled Arsenal's advantage early in the second half.

Making just his second start since surgery on the knee injury he suffered at last year's World Cup, Jesus struck again with a predatory effort, underlining the importance of his return to fitness as the title race approaches its climax.

Rasmus Kristensen got one back for Leeds, but Granit Xhaka's late header capped yet another ruthless Arsenal performance.

Arteta has worked wonders with a humble squad lacking the star-power of Arsenal's last title winners in 2004, but filled with workaholics who buy into their manager's demand for a unified and driven group.

After surrendering top spot with a 3-1 defeat against City in February, Arsenal have responded impressively, showing a maturity and composure far beyond the Gunners' teams that routinely underachieved in recent years.

In the final match of the day, Chelsea suffered a 0-2 defeat against Aston Villa at the Stamford Bridge.

Results: Arsenal **4-1** Leeds; Bournemouth **2-1** Fulham; Brighton **3-3** Brentford; Palace **2-1** Leicester; Man City **4-1** Liverpool; Forest **1-1** Wolves; Chelsea **0-2** Aston Villa.

Ocean advocates warned on Friday that the door may fly open for undersea mining in the near future in the absence of solid environmental rules that more and more nations demand

Around five million people in England will be eligible for a spring Covid booster vaccine, including over 75-year-olds, those with a weakened immune system, and care home residents, the country's health service said

ChatGPT blocked in Italy over data privacy failings

Data Protection Authority said firm OpenAI had no legal basis for mass data collection

TECH

ROME: Italy said on Friday it was temporarily blocking ChatGPT over data privacy concerns, the first western country to take such action against the popular artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot.

The country's Data Protection Authority said US firm OpenAI, which makes ChatGPT, had no legal basis to justify "the mass collection and storage of personal data for the purpose of 'training' the algorithms underlying the operation of the platform".

ChatGPT caused a global sensation when it was released last year for its ability to generate essays, songs, exams and even news articles from brief prompts. But critics have long fretted that it was unclear where ChatGPT and its competitors got their data or how they processed it.

Universities and some education authorities have banned the chatbot over fears that students could use it to write essays or cheat in exams.

And hundreds of experts and industry figures signed an open letter this week calling for a pause in the development of powerful AI systems, arguing they posed "profound risks to society and humanity".

The letter was prompted by OpenAI's release earlier this month of GPT-4, a more powerful version of its chatbot, with even less transparency about its data sources.

OpenAI has not yet commented on the Italian decision. The Italian authority imposed a "temporary limitation of the processing of Italian user data" by OpenAI and said it had launched an investigation.

As well as a lack of legal basis for data collection, the authority also highlighted a lack of clarity over whose data was being collected.

It said wrong answers given by the chatbot suggested data was not being handled properly, and accused the firm of exposing children to "absolutely unsuitable answers".

The watchdog further referenced a data breach on March 20 where user conversations and payment information were compromised—a problem the firm blamed on a bug. Nello Cristianini, an AI academic from Bath university in Britain, said securing user data and enforcing age limits were easy to fix.

But the other two accusations were more problematic—that the model is trained on personal data that is gathered without consent and then not treated properly.

"It is not clear how these can be fixed anytime soon," he said. The company has been given 20 days to respond and could face a fine of 20 million euros or up to 4%of annual revenue.

The runaway success of ChatGPT garnered OpenAI a multibillion-dollar deal with Microsoft.

EXFILE • MARINE LIFE

52 years after capture, orca Lolita may return to Pacific

More than 50 years after the orca known as Lolita was captured for public display, plans are in place to return her from the Miami Seaquarium to her home waters in the Pacific Northwest, where a nearly century-old, endangered killer whale believed to be her mother still swims

UNLIKELY TRIO

An unlikely coalition involving the theme park's owner, an animal rights group and an NFL owner-philanthropist announced the agreement during a news conference on Thursday

JOURNEY TO FREEDOM

"I'm excited to be a part of Lolita's journey to freedom," Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay said. "I know Lolita wants to get to free waters"

LOLITA RETIRED FROM WORK

Last year the Miami Seaquarium announced it would no longer stage shows with her, under an agreement with federal regulators

RESIDING IN A TANK

Lolita—now 57 years old and 2,267 kilogrammes currently lives in a tank that measures 24 metres by 11 metres and is 6 metres deep

HOPING TO REUNITE WITH HER MOTHER

The orca believed to be her mother, called Ocean Sun, continues to swim free with other members of their clan—known as L pod—and is estimated to be more than 90 years old

MANY HURDLES ALONG THE WAY

The agreement among Irsay; Eduardo Albor, who heads The Dolphin Company, which owns the Seaquarium; and the Florida nonprofit Friends of Toki, co-founded by environmentalist Pritam Singh; still faces hurdles to gaining government approval

CAPTURED AT THE AGE OF 4

Lolita, also known as Tokitae, was about 4 years old when she was captured in Puget Sound in summer 1970, during a time of deadly orca roundups. She spent decades performing for paying crowds before falling ill

BUILDING HER MUSCLES

She will also have to build up her muscles, as orcas typically swim about 160 kilometres per day, said Raynell Morris, an elder of the Lummi Indian Tribe in Washington

The orca would be under 24-hour care until she acclimates to her new surroundings

PREPARING THE ORCA

The plan is to transport Lolita by plane to an ocean sanctuary in the waters between Washington and Canada, where she will initially swim inside a large net while trainers and veterinarians teach her how to catch fish

RESTORING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

"It's a step toward restoring our natural environment, fixing what we've messed up with exploitation and development," said Howard Garrett, president of the board of the advocacy group Orca Network

Cleanup commences after fiery Minnesota ethanol train derailment

ACCIDENT

Crews have started removing contaminated soil and damaged railcars left behind by Thursday's fiery derailment in southwest Minnesota in the United States.

Authorities said on Friday afternoon the ethanol fire that burned for hours had been extinguished and that local firefighters were allowed to leave after remaining on site overnight. But large water tanks and railroad firefighting equipment remained at the site to handle any flare-ups as damaged tank cars are removed.

The entire town of Raymond, which is about 161 kilometres west of Minneapolis, had to be evacuated after 22 cars, including 10 carrying ethanol, left the tracks. Four of the tank cars ruptured and caught fire. But the several hundred residents were allowed to return home by midday on Thursday, and no injuries were reported.

This latest derailment only adds to concerns nationally about railroad safety.

Lawmakers and regulators want freight railroads to make changes after last month's derailment near East Palestine, Ohio, that forced half that town to evacuate. Even though officials say the area is safe, many residents have lingering health concerns.

The Kandiyohi County Sheriff's office said BNSF railroad crews began removing some of the contaminated soil under the tracks Friday morning.

Taliban shuts down women-run station for playing music

CENSOR

JALALABAD: A women-run radio station in Afghanistan's northeast has been shut down for playing music during the holy month of Ramzan, a Taliban official said on Saturday.

Sadai Banowan, which means women's voice in Dari, is Afghanistan's only women-run station and started 10 years ago. It has a staff of eight out which six of them are female.

Moezuddin Ahmadi, the director for Information and Culture in Badakhshan province, said the station violated the "laws and regulations of the Islamic Emirate" several times

They broadcasted songs and music during Ramzan and has been shuttered because of the breach.

"If this radio station accepts the policy of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and gives a guarantee that it will not repeat such a thing again, we will allow it to operate again," said Ahmadi.

Station head Najia Sorosh denied there was any violation, saying there was no need for the closure and called it a conspiracy.

The Taliban "told us that you have broadcast music. We have not broadcast any kind of music," she said.

Sorosh said at 11:40 am on Thursday representatives from the Ministry of Information and Culture and the Vice and Virtue Directorate arrived at the station and shut it down.

She said station staff have contacted Vice and Virtue but officials there said they do not have any additional information about the closing.

Many journalists lost their jobs after the Taliban takeover in August 2021. Media outlets closed over lack of funds or because staff left the country, according to the Afghan Independent Journalists Association. The Taliban have barred women from most forms of employment and education beyond the sixth grade, including university.

There is no official ban on music. During their previous rule in the late 1990s, the Taliban barred most television, radio and newspapers in the country.

FACT OF THE MATTER

UK travellers face long wait for ferries

TRAFFIC JAM

British vacation travellers were stuck in hours-long lines as they tried to cross the English Channel on Saturday, with the Port of Dover in England blaming the delays on bad weather, heavy traffic and processing delays by French authorities. The port warned ferry passengers of severe delays and said it was "deeply frustrated" by the situation, which has become a regular feature of cross-channel travel since Britain's exit from the European Union. Saturday was the first day of a two-week spring vacation for most schools in Britain. While the port said bus passengers faced the longest delays, local media reports showed long lines of cars and trucks as well. Ferry operator DFDS said that due to the heavy traffic, it was offering a "shuttle service" that would put passengers on the next available ship as soon as they check in.

Activists turn fountain black

PROTEST

Climate activists in Italy turned a Baroque-style fountain at the foot of Rome's Spanish Steps black on Saturday, in a protest they said evoked an "end of the world" scenario. Three activists from the anti-climate change organisation Last Generation poured a vegetable-based carbon liquid into the landmark 17th-century fountain, known to Romans as La Barcaccia, before being escorted away by police. Turning the water black "foreshadows the 'end of the world' scenario we are heading for, as we increasingly step on the accelerator: drought alternating with devastating floods, which will put an end to life on Earth, along with heat waves," it said.

SAVING THEIR YOUNGLINGS

A pair of swans protects their babies (cygnets) during rains, in Srinagar on Saturday | PTI

HONOURING ACTS OF KINDNESS

ALASKA NATIVE SCOUTS FETED 67 YEARS AFTER RESCUING NAVY CREW

RECOGNITION

GAMBELL: Bruce Boolowon, then a lean 20-year-old, and a group of friends were hunting for murre eggs in a walrus skin boat on a remote Alaska island in the Bering Strait when they saw a crippled airplane flying low. "Something was wrong," Boolowon, now 87, recalled of that day in 1955. "They came in and one engine was smoking."

Long before drones or weather balloons became military targets, a US Navy P2V-5 Neptune maritime patrol aircraft had been attacked at about 2,438 metres by two Soviet MiG-15 fighters roaring out of nearby Siberia. The plane's right engine was destroyed and the pilot was making a controlled crash landing.

Its 11 crewmen had injuries in varying degrees of severity, caused either by the bullets sprayed by the two jet fighters, shrapnel or the fireball that erupted when the Neptune landed wheels up on the tundra of St. Lawrence Island and fuel tanks stored in the plane's belly exploded. "And as the plane decelerated, the fireball didn't. And it rolled forward. It burned everybody," the navigator on the flight, David Assard, told the *Anchorage Daily News* in 2015. Several of the men had severe burns.

Bruce Boolowon, left, with his eldest daughter, Rhona Pani Apassingok | AP

The men took refuge in a ditch on St. Lawrence Island to avoid the exploding ammunition. When the armed Siberian Yupik Eskimo egg hunters showed up, the Navy men didn't know if they were about to be captured or rescued. They were not only friendly faces but members of the First Scouts unit of the Alaska National Guard who lived on the island and whose job it was to monitor the Soviet Union given their proximity. The 16 guardsmen and an unknown Air Force member helped the crew get medical attention and alerted the military the men were safe. On Tuesday, guardsmen were honoured with Alaska Heroism Medals, giving the men the recognition that wasn't available 67 years ago. Boolowon, then a corporal, is the sole survivor and family of other 15 received medals on their behalf.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
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